

Agenda Memo

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TO: Oakland City Councilmembers and Members of the Public

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL SB 63 (WIENER AND ARREGUÍN) TO PUT A REGIONAL FUNDING MEASURE ON THE NOVEMBER 2026 BALLOT TO PROVIDE CRITICAL LOCAL TRANSIT FUNDING

DATE: July 2nd, 2025

Colleagues on the City Council and Members of the Public,

Our transit funding that so man of our residents rely on is at serious risk. With AC Transit cutting service and BART facing financial challenges, these services could be cut even more leading to a downwards spiral for our public transit agencies. That is why it is crucial we look at any means necessary to fund our transit systems.

SB 63, written by our State Senator Jesse Arreguín and Senator Wiener, would help fund our local transit agencies. This measure authorizes a 10-15 year regional public transportation operations sales tax measure on the November 2026 ballot in specific Ba Area counties. These would include Alameda, Contra Costa and San Francisco with San Mateo being allowed to opt in as well.

This legislation, if passed would show Oakland's support for transit funding, and to putting a regional measure on the ballot in November 2026. It is crucial we pass this now to show Governor Newsom our support before he considers signing this legislation later this year. We would join San Francisco, San Pablo, Pinole, Richmond Berkeley and El Cerrito in doing so.

Thank you!

Respectfully submitted,

Councilmember Zac Unger