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RESOLUTION 24-XXX

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES OPPOSING THE PROPOSED LOCAL ROADS FIRST TRANSPORTATION TAX MEASURE

WHEREAS, San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG) is an association of local governments in San Luis Obispo County, which is made up of seven cities, including the City of Paso Robles; and

WHEREAS, SLOCOG is the federal-designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), the state-designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA), the Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways (SAFE), the Census Data Affiliate (CDA) and the Regional Ridesharing Program for the San Luis Obispo Region; and

WHEREAS, SLOCOG is considering placing a half-cent, countywide sales tax measure on the November 2024 ballot; and

WHEREAS, if the Measure is approved by 2/3rds of countywide voters, the revenue derived from the Measure will fund transportation projects across San Luis Obispo County for a period of 20 years; and

WHEREAS, the Draft Implementation Plan indicates the City of Paso Robles will receive approximately \$52 million in local project funding over the 20 year life of the Measure; and

WHEREAS, the Draft Implementation Plan indicates the “North County” region (which includes, but is not limited to the City of Paso Robles) will receive approximately \$84 million for regional projects over the 20 year life of the Measure; and

WHEREAS, if approved, this Measure potentially limits the ability of Paso Robles voters to fund local projects in the future; and

WHEREAS, the proposed allocation of funding is based on population and not on another more equitable formula such as the percentage of or per capita amount of sales tax generated within a given City; and

WHEREAS, allocating funding by population results in the City of Paso Robles subsidizing other projects throughout the County at the expense of much needed local road and transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, the need for local road repair funding is significant; and

WHEREAS, the City of Paso Robles estimates it needs \$350 million to fully rehabilitate and repair local roads; and

WHEREAS, the amount of funding proposed from this Measure to go toward local road repairs is less than 25 percent of what the City receives annually from its locally-controlled “E-12” sales tax measure; and

WHEREAS, the City of Paso Robles desires to retain 100 percent of any supplemental sales tax funding for transportation and roads projects for City projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

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Section 1. All of the above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. The City Council hereby opposes the proposed Local Roads First Transportation Tax Measure.

APPROVED this 2nd day of April, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

John R. Hamon, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa Boyer, City Clerk