

Early Termination of Measure O Sales Tax If Specific Pavement Standards for City Streets and Alleys Are Not Met; Extension of Measure O Sales Tax For Additional Five Year Periods If Specific Pavement Standards Are Met

In 2008, Oxnard voters approved Measure O – the “City of Oxnard Vital Services Transactions (Sales) and Use Tax Ordinance” – which increased the City’s sales tax by ½ percent for a period of 20 years.

The increased funding from Measure O is to be used “[t]o protect, maintain, and enhance vital city services[.]” Measure O (Ordinance No. 2779) also indicates that the purpose of the measure is “to provide enhanced levels of vital community services including police, fire and emergency response, increasing street paving and sidewalk/pothole repair to improve traffic flow, expanding youth recreation, after-school and anti-gang prevention programs, acquiring property for parks/open space preservation, upgrading storm water drains, improving senior services, increasing building code compliance, and other general City services[.]”

Measure O is currently set to expire on March 31, 2029. The proposed initiative would change the expiration date of Measure O if the City-owned street and alley network did not meet specific Pavement Condition Index (PCI) requirements by specific deadlines. The PCI is a numerical index between 0 and 100 that is used to indicate the condition of a specific section of road pavement.

The specific new deadlines that the initiative would impose are as follows:

- PCI of at least 65 on or before September 30, 2022 or Measure O would expire on March 31, 2023.
- PCI of at least 70 on or before September 30, 2024 or Measure O would expire on March 31, 2025.
- PCI of at least 75 on or before September 30, 2026 or Measure O would expire on March 31, 2027.
- PCI of at least 80 on or before September 30, 2028 or Measure O would expire on March 31, 2029.

Under the initiative, the City Council would have the ability to extend the termination date of Measure O starting on April 1, 2028 for additional five-year periods if an outside civil engineering consultant finds that the PCI for the City-

owned streets and alleys was at least 80. This action would have the effect of extending the ½ cent sales tax for that additional time period.

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