

## OPPOSITION TO MEASURE H

Building and maintaining roadways is a major function of local governments. City streets are the responsibility of each city. Roads outside cities are the responsibility of the County. Adequate funding should be in every agency's budget. Solano's cities and the county have neglected their responsibilities for too long! This proposed five year one-half percent countywide sales tax increase has us taxpayers covering their negligence.

Relying on a temporary tax to solve a long-standing problem is not responsible. The County admits that funds budgeted for road maintenance have never met the actual needs.

Furthermore, temporary taxes almost always wind up becoming permanent taxes. We've been there. But not again.

This is a General Tax. Revenues can and will be used by cities and the county for anything they want. There is no way to guarantee it will be spent on roads. The accompanying Advisory Measure is just that – advisory -- a “feel good” ploy with absolutely no teeth.

Previous general sales tax measures presented to the public for purposes such as road conditions, pothole repair, maintenance of streets, medians, and streetlights, have been passed and are still in effect in several Solano cities: Benicia 1%, Fairfield 1%, Vacaville .25%, and Vallejo 1%. Measure H would add an additional .5% on top of those existing taxes. Californians are already taxed 69 cents per gallon in Federal and State gas taxes. Isn't that enough?

Each city and the County should be placing a special tax on their ballots, just for streets and roads. That's the honest way.

Why is this general tax on the ballot? Simple. A general tax is easier to pass, requiring only a majority vote. And by promising cities a cut of the money without doing any of the work, every city council backs it.

Vote NO on Measure H.