
Impartial Analysis of Regional Measure 3

Regional Measure 3 (RM3) would increase the tolls on all Bay Area toll bridges except the Golden Gate Bridge. The tolls would increase by \$1 in 2019, an additional \$1 in 2022, and an additional \$1 in 2025, for a total increase of \$3. After 2025, tolls could be increased for inflation.

By law, the Bay Area Toll Authority (Authority) would have to use 16% of the funds from these toll increases to pay for up to \$60 million in designated annual transportation operating programs. The Authority would have to use the remaining available funds, which the Authority estimates will total \$4.45 billion, for designated transportation capital projects throughout the Bay Area.

The sample ballot pamphlet lists the projects and programs of the final RM3 expenditure plan.

The projects that benefit Solano County include:

- improving Interstate 680/State Route 4 and Interstate 80/680/State Route 12 interchanges.
- constructing express lanes on Interstate 80 from Red Top Road to the intersection with Interstate 505.
- improving State Route 37, which serves Solano, Marin, Napa, and Sonoma counties.
- constructing improvements to the Interstate 80 Westbound Truck Scales.
- expanding the ferry service and increasing its frequency.
- improving track infrastructure for Capitol Corridor passenger rail operations.
- improving North Bay transit access and facilities, which serves Solano, Marin, Sonoma, Napa and Contra Costa counties.
- expanding the next generation Clipper transit fare payment system to support a universal and seamless system in the Bay Area.

The Authority would be allowed to provide discounts to high-occupancy vehicles or vehicles that pay tolls without using cash. The Authority would be required to provide a discount for certain commuters who cross two bridges.

RM3 will be on the ballot in all nine Bay Area counties, including the City and County of San Francisco and the counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano, and Sonoma. To pass, RM3 requires approval by a majority of votes cast on the measure in all nine counties combined.

An independent oversight committee would monitor how funds from the toll increases are spent. This committee and the Authority would be required to submit annual reports on use of the funds to the State Legislature.

A “yes” vote is a vote to increase the toll on all Bay Area toll bridges except the Golden Gate Bridge by \$1 in 2019, an additional \$1 in 2022, and an additional \$1 in 2025.

A “no” vote is a vote to not approve the proposed toll increase.

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