

Notice of Measure Election County

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Notice		
Date of Notice August 15, 2016	Name of County or Counties Clackamas	Date of Election November 8, 2016

Final Ballot Title The following is the final ballot title of the measure to be submitted to the county's voters. The ballot title notice has been published and the ballot title challenge process has been completed.

Caption 10 words which reasonably identifies the subject of the measure.
Temporary 6-Cent Per Gallon Vehicle Fuel Tax

Question 20 words which plainly phrases the chief purpose of the measure.
Shall Clackamas County adopt a seven-year, 6-cent-per-gallon motor vehicle fuel tax dedicated to road maintenance projects?

Summary 175 words which concisely and impartially summarizes the measure and its major effect.
The measure imposes a temporary 6-cent-per-gallon tax on motor vehicle fuel sales within Clackamas County. The tax revenues must be used as required by the Oregon Constitution for construction, reconstruction, improvement, repair, maintenance, operation and use of public roads and streets within the county. The tax is estimated to raise approximately \$9 million per year.
The County will use 60 percent of the net revenue for 47 specific County road paving and safety projects. A list of county projects and their estimated costs can be found at <http://theroadahead.us/>.
The remaining 40 percent of net revenues will be distributed semi-annually to the cities in Clackamas County to use for their own transportation projects. Distribution to cities will be based proportionately on population within Clackamas County using figures provided annually by Portland State University.
The tax is implemented in March 2017 and will expire seven years after the implementation date. The County will adopt an ordinance for the administration of the motor vehicle fuel tax, and establish and implement licensing requirements.

Explanatory Statement 500 words that impartially explains the measure and its effect.
If the county is producing a voters' pamphlet an explanatory statement must be drafted and attached to this form for:
→ any measure referred by the county governing body; or
→ any initiative or referendum, if required by local ordinance.
Explanatory Statement Attached? Yes No

Authorized County Official Not required to be notarized.	
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By signing this document:
→ I hereby state that I am authorized by the county to submit this Notice of Measure Election; and
→ I certify that notice of receipt of ballot title has been published and the ballot title challenge process for this measure completed.

Signature Redacted

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Signature

Date Signed

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT (500 words)

Road funds primarily come from motor vehicle fuel taxes and vehicle registration fees. Oregon law prohibits using ad valorem (property) taxes for roads. The county uses road funds efficiently, but is unable to keep pace with maintenance needs. There is a \$17 million annual gap between funds needed to maintain roads and revenue.

Over 50% of Clackamas County's 1,400 road miles are in fair or poor condition. Every year, a larger percentage of county roads slip into disrepair, and the county doesn't have the necessary revenue to keep up. Waiting also comes at a price, as the cost to reconstruct a road in the future is more than 10 times greater than the cost of providing preventive maintenance today.

Ongoing preventive maintenance is critical to safe roads. Smooth roadways, clear lane markings, unobstructed sightlines, drainage and well-marked intersections help reduce crashes and keep travelers safe.

Oregon law allows the voters of a county to vote to impose a motor vehicle fuel tax. The measure would impose a 6-cent per gallon tax on motor vehicle fuel sold in Clackamas County. Annual revenues generated by the motor vehicle fuel tax are estimated to be \$9 million. The tax would be collected by the Oregon Department of Transportation and then distributed to the County. The Department of Revenue will charge a fee for collecting and distributing the tax revenues.

The County will receive 60% of the net revenues and use those revenues for 47 specified County road maintenance and safety projects. The remaining 40% of the net revenues collected will be distributed semi-annually to all cities in Clackamas County. Distribution of the net revenues to each city will be based on the proportional population of the city located within the jurisdictional boundaries of Clackamas County. City populations will be determined by the most current figures provided annually by Portland State University Population Research Center.

The motor vehicle fuel tax revenues must be used as required by the Oregon Constitution for construction, reconstruction, improvement, repair, maintenance, operation and use of public highways, roads, streets and roadside rest areas in the county. If approved, the County will adopt an ordinance for the administration of the tax. The tax would expire seven years after the date of implementation.

Explanatory Statement Furnished by Clackamas County Board of Commissioners
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Authorized Signature

Date: Aug. 11, 2016