

## **Public Comment Agenda Item 7b**

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CRTP has concerns about the proposal to apply STA restrictions to transit funding from Measure O. One of the main advantages of local transit funding is that it is flexible and has no strings attached, unlike state and federal funding. We think flexibility should be maintained, because future needs and priorities can't always be predicted. The local transit agencies and the SSTAC, in consultation with stakeholder and public input, should be trusted to recommend the most important transit investments for Measure O funds without having any unnecessary eligibility restrictions applied. Spending will be subject to review by the county's audit committee regardless, which provides a check to ensure the money is being spent in line with Measure O's promises.