

Lambda Alpha International Meeting
at the Pacific Club
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The Renewed Measure M Transportation Investment Plan is a 30-year \$11.8 billion program designed to reduce traffic congestion, strengthen our economy and improve our quality of life by upgrading key freeway, fixing major freeway interchanges, maintaining streets and roads, synchronizing traffic system, and protection our environment from the oily street runoff that pollutes Orange County beaches.

Measure M one-half cent transportation sales tax will enable all the projects and programs to be implemented. Projects will begin as early as 2007.

The Measure required 2/3 votes to pass the extension for the next 30 years.

Some of the proposed projects are:

1. Freeway 91 widening, increase lanes, repair will be first on the list to fix O.C. freeways and roads.
2. More than \$1 billion goes to South, El Toro wide.
Proposed 40% - Regional competitive pot which is a competitive program that goes to the neediest and greatest use.
Proposed 60% - Local Cities decide the use of this fund.
3. Coordinate traffic signals with Cities and Cal Tran.
4. Urban runoff - \$200 million to keep urban beaches clean.
5. Transit system – Cities will compete for public transit system. Each City would design and plan for its community needs, which will go for voters' approval. Most importantly the system would provide traffic relief. Everything will be specify for voter to vote on.
6. Forecast of O.C. – upward building, high-rise, urban living, more density and job housing balance.