



# City of Needles, California

## Request for City Council Action

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**Meeting Date:** March 10, 2026

**Title:** Resolution 2026-6 of the City Council of the City of Needles, Approving the Expenditure Plan for the Continuation of Measure I

**Background:** Measure I is the voter-approved one-half cent sales tax that funds transportation improvements throughout San Bernardino County. Originally approved by voters in 1989 and renewed in 2004, Measure I currently funds local streets and roads, highways, transit services, and other transportation improvements through April 1, 2040.

The San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) is proposing to place a continuation of Measure I on the **November 3, 2026**, ballot. If approved by voters, the continuation of the existing tax would generate an estimated **\$7.5 billion over the first 30 years** for transportation projects throughout San Bernardino County.

Measure I has supported numerous transportation improvements across the region, including freeway interchanges, bridge replacements, roadway rehabilitation projects, and transit services.

Locally, Measure I has supported projects such as:

- Citywide Pavement Management Plan Improvements
- River Road / River Street Rehabilitation
- Street Improvements on J Street and Broadway Avenue
- Citywide Sidewalk and ADA Improvements
- Needles Area Transit services

These projects have improved roadway conditions, accessibility, and mobility for residents and visitors within the City of Needles.

The proposed continuation of Measure I maintains key program principles including independent taxpayer oversight, financial and compliance audits, limits on administrative costs, and a "return-to-source" funding model that keeps transportation revenues within the communities where they are generated.

State law requires that the Measure I continuation Expenditure Plan be approved by the County Board of Supervisors and a majority of the cities representing a majority of the population residing within incorporated areas of San Bernardino County. Adoption of the attached resolution indicates the City of Needles' support for the proposed Measure I Continuation Expenditure Plan.

**Fiscal Impact:** There is no fiscal impact associated with approval of this Resolution. If approved by voters in November 2026, the continuation of Measure I would provide a long-term funding source for transportation improvements within the City of Needles and throughout San Bernardino County.

**Environmental Impact:** This action is administrative in nature and is not considered a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15378(b)(5).

**Recommendation:** Adopt Resolution 2026-6 Approving the Expenditure Plan for the Continuation of Measure I

**Submitted By:** Patrick Martinez, City Manager

**City Manager Approval:** Patrick J. Martinez

**Date:** 3/4/2026

**Other Department Approval (when required):** Mark C. DeMay, CGFM

**Date:** 03/04/2026