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I ask that the board oppose this item.

The plan changed last minute before many in the Council of governments had the time to read the new proposal by the the City of Fresno. Many cities have not voted to support it. And with the changes, many unincorporated communities stand to receive less resources and be left out of having crucial needs met concerning transportation and road repair. There is a huge need for more expansive and sufficient public transportation, especially in rural communities, but even in the city of Fresno and other cities. Those who are the most underserved will be paying for it, as will their children, for years, while not benefitting from millions of dollars.

FCOG will say that they got extensive public input and support. Of course people support money toward transportation needs. We all agree on this. But the polls lack any substantive, qualitative data information about the needs that only the community members themselves could accurately detail. Checking off boxes doesn't really inform decision makers of what the community specifically needs. Also, it must be noted that there may be many groups that were completely left out of these surveys. The community is asking to be heard. They want this funding, but they want a plan that reflects their needs. There is no need to rush this. Please oppose and direct this item to be on the 2024 ballot.
Thank you