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UPDATE: (August 13, 2008) The California State Senate's Appropriations Committee today ruled unanimously (14-0) to clear AB 2321, a bill that would allow a new half-cent sales tax, "Measure R," to be placed on the November ballot. Assembly Bill 2321 by Assemblyman Mike Feuer (D-Los Angeles) now goes before the full Senate for approval and concurrence by the Assembly. The Legislature has until August 31 to review and approve the bill before it can be forwarded to the Governor for signature.

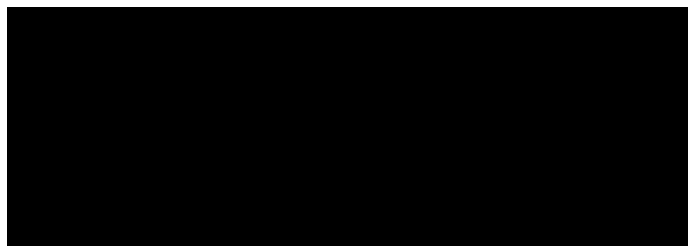


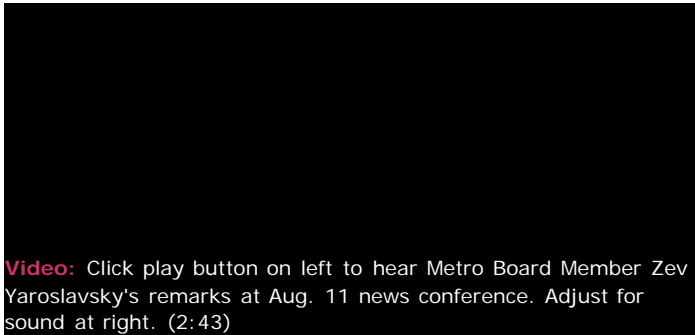
Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky speaks on behalf of Metro at news conference urging state legislators to approve AB 2321, a bill that would allow a new half-cent sales tax, "Measure R," to be placed on the November ballot. *Photo by Luis Inzunza*

Board of Supervisors Vote to Approve Placing Sales Tax Measure on November Ballot

- Vote follows news conference Monday at Union Station urging state Legislature approval of bill on transit tax.
- **Video:** Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky speaks on behalf of Metro at news conference.

(August 12, 2008) Reversing its vote last week, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors voted 3 to 2 this afternoon to place a proposed half-cent sales tax measure to fund transit projects on a consolidated ballot for the Nov. 4 general election.





The turnaround vote followed a news conference Aug. 11 led by Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa to urge the state Legislature to approve AB 2321, a bill that would allow a new half-cent sales tax, "Measure R," to be placed on the November ballot.

The news conference was attended by city and county officials, as well as business and union leaders.

Assembly Bill 2321 by Assemblyman Mike Feuer, D-Los Angeles, outlines specific projects to be funded by the tax, which Metro estimates would generate \$40 billion over 30 years.

The Senate Appropriations Committee is expected to consider the bill this week.

--From staff reports