

## Paso Robles Local Measures FAQ

The City of Paso Robles placed four ballot initiatives on the November 2018 ballot for voter approval. With ballots hitting mailboxes shortly, we have received a number of questions about the proposed measures and wanted to provide answers to some frequently asked questions. If you would like further information, please check out the City's website at [www.prcity.com](http://www.prcity.com) or contact the City Manager's office at (805) 237-3888 or via email at [CityManager@PRCity.com](mailto:CityManager@PRCity.com).

### Measure H: Appointed City Clerk

#### Ballot Question: Shall the Office of City Clerk be Appointive?

##### Q: What does a yes vote do?

A: Currently, the City Clerk is an elected position. If this measure passes, then the City Clerk would be appointed by the City Council or the City Manager after a review of candidates with the appropriate qualifications.

##### Q: Why is this necessary?

A: The role of the City Clerk has evolved since the elected position was created. Municipal City Clerks are the official elections officer for the City, responsible for ensuring that all elections are conducted according to evolving State restrictions. They maintain public records and ensure the City's compliance with ever intensifying requirements of the California Public Records Act.

##### Q: Will this cost the City more money?

A: No, in fact it is likely that there will be a cost-savings as the City currently employs staff to fulfill the duties the City Clerk is unable to perform without all of the required qualifications. The costs associated with providing benefits to the elected position would no longer be necessary and workload could be absorbed without increasing the City's existing employee count.

### Measure I: Cannabis Tax

Ballot Question: To improve basic city services, such as police and emergency response, parks and youth/senior services, and street repair, shall the City of Paso Robles adopt an ordinance enacting a tax on cannabis-related activities in the amount of up to \$20 per square foot for cultivation/processing; up to 10% of gross receipts for transportation; up to 15% of gross receipts for manufacturing, testing, and distribution; and up to 10% of gross receipts for dispensaries, generating approximately \$15,000 annually initially for unrestricted general purposes, until ended by voters?

##### Q: What does a yes vote do?

A: It establishes a framework to tax potential future cannabis-related activities for unrestricted general purposes.

##### Q: Does this mean that recreational marijuana sales will be allowed in Paso?

A: No, this measure simply provides the framework for collecting a tax should the City Council choose (or be forced) to allow businesses to locate in Paso Robles. If this does not pass, then there will be no framework for taxing cannabis-related activities, because this type of tax must be approved by voters. That is why most SLO County cities are considering similar measures in November.

### Measure K: ½ Percent Sales Tax Measure

To upgrade deteriorating streets and sidewalks; and address other general revenue purposes; shall a measure be adopted approving an ordinance establishing a one-half of one percent sales tax providing approximately \$4,750,000 annually for 6 years, requiring annual audits, quarterly reports to the public by a citizens oversight committee, and using all funds within Paso Robles only?

##### Q: What does a yes vote do?

A: Establishes a one-half of one percent sales tax for a period of 6 years, to sunset in 2024.

##### Q: Will the money stay in Paso?

A: As a local sales tax measure all of the approximately \$4.75M/year will stay in Paso and can't be taken by the State.

##### Q: How will the money be used?

A: If the accompanying Measure N is approved by voters then the funds will be used for sidewalk and road maintenance.

**Q: Why raise sales tax instead of property taxes or hotel taxes?**

A: Paso’s strong tourism industry ensures that almost half of our sales tax (40%) is paid by visitors. That ensures that residents and visitors are sharing the cost. In addition, the new sales tax of 8.25% keeps Paso competitive with other Cities, while raising our hotel tax would not.

**Measure N Advisory Measure**

**If the voters approve a one-half of one-percent (.5%) limited-term general sales tax increase, shall the additional revenues be used primarily for the purpose of repairing and maintaining the City’s streets and sidewalks?**

**Q: What does a yes vote do?**

A: If the voters approve Measure K, then the revenues would be used for the purpose of repairing and maintaining the City’s streets and sidewalks, according to the approved 6-year Street Repair Plan.

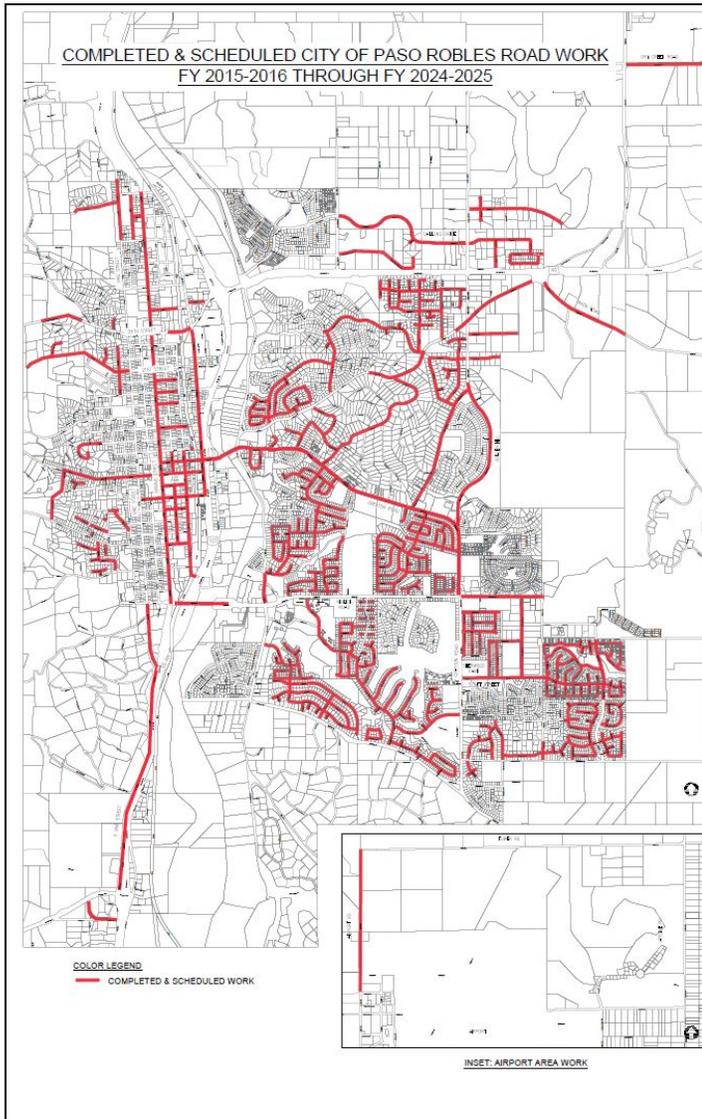
**Q: Why is it necessary?**

A: The advisory measure is an opportunity to unequivocally communicate voters’ preferences to the City Council. It is how the 2012 measure was structured and has resulted in all funding going to road maintenance.

**Q: Which roads will be paved if Measures K&N pass?**

A: The maps below show the plan for road work that has been approved by both the independent Supplemental Sales Tax Oversight Committee and the City Council, should Measures K&N pass.

**Roadwork from 2012 Sales Tax Measure**



**Road work from 2012 and Proposed 2018 Tax Measures**

