

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2026

*****SPECIAL MEETING*****

COUNTY CONFERENCE ROOM D-361

(Third Floor)

**Katcho Achadjian Government Center San Luis Obispo County
1055 Monterey Street, San Luis Obispo, California 93401**

PLEASE NOTE THE TIME:

8:15 A.M.

The AGENDA is available/posted at: www.slocog.org

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I. FLAG SALUTE, CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

- II. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Any member of the public may address the SLOCOG Board for a period not to exceed three (3) minutes on any item of interest not on the agenda within the jurisdiction of the Board. In compliance with the Brown Act, the Board will listen to all communication, but in compliance with the Brown Act, will not take any action on items that are not on the agenda.

III. TRANSPORTATION ITEM

- A-1 Election Costs to SLOCOG (ROLL CALL – PROVIDE AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE** FORMAL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING [MOU] WITH THE COUNTY TO FULLY PAY FOR TRANSPORTATION EXPENDITURE PLAN [TEP] MEASURE ELECTION COSTS, CONSISTENT WITH PRIOR BOARD DIRECTION). James Worthley

IV. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS & BOARD REPORTS

V. ADJOURNMENT

Next SLOCOG meeting: Wednesday, August 5, 2026

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STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: JUNE 16, 2026	***SPECIAL MEETING***	ITEM A-1
SUBJECT: Election Costs to SLOCOG		
STAFF CONTACT: James Worthley		

SUMMARY

At its June 3, 2026 meeting, the SLOCOG Board approved the Transportation Expenditure Plan, adopted Ordinance 2026-01 San Luis Obispo County Transportation Expenditure Plan (TEP), and requested the Board of Supervisors to place the measure on the November 2026 ballot.

The purpose of this item is to clarify and formalize that **SLOCOG is to pay election costs for its TEP measure.**

SLOCOG BOARD RECOMMENDATION

Staff: Provide Authorization to Execute Formal MOU with the County to Fully Pay for TEP Measure Election Costs, Consistent with Prior Board Direction.

DISCUSSION

On June 3, 2026, the SLOCOG Board, acting as the Local Transportation Authority pursuant to California Public Utilities Code § 180050, has authorized submission of the measure to the voters, and the implementing ordinance provides that, if approved by the voters, measure revenues will be used to pay election-related costs consistent with California Public Utilities Code § 180203.

In May, SLOCOG staff had the understanding that Government Codes required SLOCOG to reimburse the County for election expenses. Staff now understand that a gap exists where transportation authorities and joint power agreement agencies are not clearly identified in these government codes (Public Utility and Elections Codes) where cities and special districts are specifically identified. With this understanding, staff seek to clarify and formalize that SLOCOG will pay the election costs for its TEP measure.

SLOCOG determines and declares that SLOCOG will pay to the County the reasonable and actual expenses incurred by the County by the consolidation of the General Municipal Election with the Statewide General Election. SLOCOG shall reimburse the County for services performed when the work is completed and upon presentation to SLOCOG of a properly approved bill. An MOU is to be developed between SLOCOG and the County to pay for the expenses incurred. SLOCOG has adequate resources through a variety of existing sources to cover its share of election costs.

As presented to the SLOCOG Board on June 3, 2026, the County Clerk's estimated cost of conducting the election as of May 18th, 2026, was \$588,000 (\$3/voter), based on: more than 190,000 registered voters, the number of measures on the ballot, and an assumed 100% voter turnout. Since that time, some cost issues have been clarified, and some cost issues will remain uncertain until after the election. Previously, city costs were initially estimated at \$3.50/voter. As measures are added to the ballot, the cost-share is reduced. Only after the election will the final cost be known. The actual cost following the November 2024 election, considering turnout, was \$2.01/voter.