



# County of Yolo

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RE: OPPOSITION to taking County Gas Tax

The Yolo County Board of Supervisors is opposed to any proposals that would raid the local share of the gas tax from the Highway User Tax Account (HUTA).

HUTA funds make up a significant portion of county operations and maintenance budgets for transportation project labor, equipment, and materials and raiding these funds will grind local transportation work to a halt. Specifically, in Yolo County it will result in the loss of 40 jobs and the maintenance of over 800 miles of roads. Roads critical for farm to market operations that already have a lower safety rating due to their rural nature. It won't matter if we receive American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, other state or federal funds because we will not have the staffing or matching funds for design or construction.

While we understand the magnitude of the state budget deficit, this raid would disproportionately impact transportation funding, especially when the industry is facing 20%+ unemployment. What's more, these cuts come at the worst possible time – they will eliminate thousands of jobs and billions in economic activity exactly when California should be investing in programs like infrastructure to boost our struggling economy and generate more revenues for our state.

In conclusion, this proposal would result in the closure of our public works streets and roads division and is in essence anti-economic stimulus. Thus, we urge you to reject any proposals that include the taking of HUTA funds. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Tuttle in the County Administrator's office at [cindy.tuttle@yolocounty.org](mailto:cindy.tuttle@yolocounty.org) or 530-666-8061.

Sincerely,

Mike McGowan  
Chair, Yolo County Board of Supervisors