Move LA’s Most Significant Accomplishments, 2008-2018

2008-2018 has been a decade of remarkable success in Los Angeles County and in California as a whole. We at Move LA have had a notable role in it.

- **Measure R, 2008**: Move LA built the business, labor, environmental coalition that sponsored Measure R, a 30-year ½ cent sales tax measure for transportation placed on the ballot by LA Metro in November 2008. It is fair to say we tee’d it up for Mayor Villaraigosa to bring it home. Measure R was approved by 67.4% of LA County voters and would raise $36 B over 30 years for primarily transit investments. Measure M amended R to continue until voters choose to change or end it.

- **Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS), 2012, ’16**: Move LA was a founding member of the Climate Plan coalition that convened environmental, environmental justice, housing and transit advocates to champion the successful first RTP/SCS at the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)

- **California’s Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, 2014**: Move LA was a founding member and only Southern California Participant of the Sustainable Communities For All (SC4A) coalition that won continuous appropriations of significant cap-and-trade funds for transit capital (TIRCP), transit operations (LCTOP), and affordable housing near transit (AHSC) programs. To date, more than $8 billion dollars have been appropriated by the Legislature to state agencies implementing GHG emission reduction programs and projects.

- **Measure M, 2016**: Move LA continued our coalition building work in order to convince LA Metro to place Measure M on the ballot in November 2016. It is fair to say we tee’d this measure up too for Mayor Garcetti to bring it home. Measure M had no sunset and extended Measure R with no sunset.

  Together Measure R and M will generate an astounding $160 B for transportation investments in LA County over the next 40 years, and more for years after until voters choose to change it. More than 70% of these funds will be invested in an expanded rail transit system, enhanced bus service, and active transportation projects. Significant funds were earmarked for enhanced transit services for older adults and persons with disabilities as well.

- **Metro Student Transit Pass Program, 2016**: Move LA worked with Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas to gain Metro support for a universal Student Transit Pass program, which has already significantly grown student transit ridership in LA County.

- **Measure H, 2017**: Working closely with Los Angeles County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, Move LA helped launch and win Measure H in 2017, a sales tax measure approved by LA County voters to raise $350 M/year to provide services and housing to end homelessness.

- **SB 961 (Allen), 2018**: Last year, 2018, the legislature approved and Governor Brown signed Move LA’s bill, SB 961 (Allen) into law. The bill enables cities to create tax increment financing districts within ½ mile of major transit service. Districts will be required to use 40% of the tax increment for affordable housing and 10% for urban greening and active transportation investments.

- **No on Prop 6, 2018**: This past November, 2018, in partnership with organized labor, we were the primary organizers of the LA County-based opposition to Proposition 6 which sought to repeal SB 1, the legislature’s major transportation infrastructure bill. Happily, voters rejected Prop 6 and preserved funds to ensure a state of good repair for local streets and highways – and the 15% set aside for investments in transit system and service and in active transportation infrastructure.

*There is much more to be done.*

*At Move LA we like to say, “When you are on a roll, keep rolling!”*