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Rebuttal to Argument against Measure M

Measure M is solely about making street repairs and related watershed improvements NOW. We must not wait.

Measure M's \$30 million bond offers the only effective way to **begin repairing streets NOW. Every year we wait adds \$6 million in costs, and increases the risk of accidents and lawsuits against the City.**

Measure M is part of a **planned approach, consistent with Berkeley's Street Repair Plan, Watershed Management Plan, and the City Auditor's recommendations.** In addition to funding street repair, Measure M will raise matching funds for flood control grants and storm water management. Grant possibilities for such projects have been identified.

Berkeley is 134 years old and it has infrastructure needs. Measure M addresses infrastructure needs and cannot be used for any other purposes, including unfunded pension liabilities, as the opponents incorrectly claim. **Street repairs are a separate issue.**

Opponents of Measure M want to hold street repair hostage to passage of their "FACTS" initiative. **Don't let the opponents disdain for sensible city government sway you as a voter. We need to move forward with a prudent, achievable plan to stop flooding in West Berkeley, repair our streets, and improve the environment while keeping our streets safe for cars, bicycles, and pedestrians.**

Vote YES on Measure M.

Ann-Marie Hogan, City Auditor

Andy Katz, Director East Bay Municipal Utility District

Margo Schueler, Public Works Commissioner

Tom Bates, Mayor, City of Berkeley

Sherry Smith, President, League of Women Voters of Berkeley, Albany, and Emeryville