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Voters to Decide on 29 Transportation Ballot Measures More than \$1.8 billion in Transportation Funding at Stake on November 2

The Center for Transportation Excellence is monitoring 29 transportation measures in 14 states scheduled for the ballot on November 2, 2010. Continuing a decade-long trend, states and communities are asking voters to approve new investments in vital transportation projects. A total of 20 finance measures will go before voters, with the opportunity to provide more than \$1.8 billion in new funding for transportation over just the next five years. This funding includes close to \$300 million in bonds, with the rest of the revenue generated by dedicated fees, sales and property taxes. Details on all pending transportation measures are available at www.cfte.org.

Despite the challenging economic environment, voters have demonstrated strong support at the ballot box for increased transportation investment. Earlier this year, despite conventional wisdom that voters are opposed to new taxes, voters approved 21 ballot measures funding public transportation, a success rate heading into Election Day of 81%. If voters continue to show the same level of support for transit as they have throughout the year, 2010 could be one of the most successful in the past decade for new transportation ballot measures. The Center for Transportation Excellence has been monitoring these measures since 2000. Voters have approved 70% of these measures, a success rate double that of ballot measures generally.

This year has also seen a sharp increase in the number of advisory measures related to transportation funding. Many communities are seeking voters' opinions on increasing or dedicating funding for public transportation in anticipation of future funding proposals. CFTE's pre-election report details this year's key electoral trends and takes a close look at all the measures to be decided on Tuesday. *A Look at November 2 Ballots* is available for download at www.cfte.org.

Leading up to Election Day, there has been increased talk from President Obama and leaders on Capitol Hill about the need for federal investment to rebuild and modernize America's transportation infrastructure as a means of creating jobs and increasing economic competitiveness. As voters head to the ballot box, they have a chance to reiterate a message that has been building over the past decade: Americans understand that it is imperative to invest in our transportation infrastructure and they are willing to use local dollars to do so.

On Friday, November 5, CFTE will host a webinar to analyze the results and trends from this year's elections. *"Trends and Results from 2010 Transportation Ballot Measures"* will be cosponsored by the National Alliance of Public Transportation Advocates (NAPTA) and the APTA State Transit Association Leaders. Free registration for this webinar is available online at www.cfte.org.

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