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## L.A. County Board of Supervisors rejects sales tax

Board votes 3 to 2 to keep the tax aimed at transit improvements off the November ballot.

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In a surprise move, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors denied a request today to place a half-cent sales tax on the November ballot to pay for up to \$40 billion of road and mass transit improvements, including the so-called subway to the sea.

The board's two Republicans, Mike Antonovich and Don Knabe, joined Democrat Gloria Molina to deny the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's request to place the measure on the ballot.

Los Angeles County Registrar Recorder Dean Logan said the MTA must now pay up to \$10 million for a special second ballot on election day or ask a court to force the measure onto the existing Nov. 4 ballot.

The Republicans said they were opposed to new taxes. Molina said she was voting in opposition to "back room deals" by Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky that she said would steer too much of the tax's proceeds to his Westside district and too little to her Eastside district.

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