

FULL TEXT OF BALLOT TITLES—MAY 19, 2020

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Referred to the People by the City Council

Measure 26-209 Renew Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax for Street Repair, Maintenance, Safety

Question: Shall Portland renew four-year, 10 cents per gallon fuel tax for maintenance (paving, potholes) and safety (crossings, lighting, sidewalks)?

Summary: Portland's 10 cents per gallon fuel tax was approved by voters in 2016. If renewed at the same tax rate, this measure is estimated to raise \$74.5 million over four years, beginning January 2021.

The funding would continue to be dedicated to street repair, maintenance and safety projects, including paving, pothole repair, sidewalk and safety improvements. Specific proposed investments include:

Street Repair and Maintenance

- \$25 million for paving, focused on busy and neighborhood streets

Safety

- \$6 million for Safe Routes to School projects to improve safety for elementary students
- \$4.5 million to expand Neighborhood Greenways and connect schools, parks, transit, and neighborhood businesses
- \$5 million for traffic signals and crossing beacons
- \$4.5 million for street lighting on High Crash Network
- \$4.5 million for sidewalks and other walkways
- \$1.5 million for small-scale neighborhood safety improvements

Community-Identified Transportation Needs

- \$13 million for potholes, gravel streets, and pavement base repair
- \$10.5 million for basic safety improvements

Expenditures go through independent financial audits and are reviewed by a public oversight committee that reports annually. Establishes license requirements.

METRO

Referred to the People of the Metro Region by the Metro Council

Measure 26-210 Supports homeless services through higher earners' tax, business profits tax.

Question: Should Metro support homeless services, tax income over \$200,000/\$125,000 (joint/single), profits on businesses with income over \$5 million?

Summary: Measure funds supportive housing services to prevent and reduce homelessness in Washington, Clackamas, and Multnomah counties within district boundaries. Prioritizes services to address needs of people experiencing, or at risk of, long-term or frequent episodes of homelessness. Services funded by a marginal income tax of 1% on households with income over \$200,000 (over \$125,000 for single filers) and a business profits tax of 1%. Income tax applies to resident income, and to non-resident income earned from sources within district. Exempts businesses with gross receipts of \$5 million per year or less.

Declares funding for homelessness services a matter of metropolitan concern, directs regional funding to local services agencies, requires community engagement to develop localized implementation plans. Allocates funds to counties by estimated revenue collected within each county. Establishes community oversight committee to evaluate and approve local plans, monitor program outcomes and uses of funds. Requires creation of tri-county homeless services coordination plan.

Requires performance reviews and independent financial audits. Metro administrative and oversight costs limited to 5%. Requires voter approval to continue tax after 2030.

CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Measure 26-208 Authorizes General Obligation Bonds for School Security and Facility Improvements

Question: Shall the District issue \$65,000,000 bonds for school security and facility improvements and receive a \$7,494,690 State matching grant? If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Summary: It is estimated that this measure would not increase current tax rates due to the expiration of existing debt.

The State awarded Centennial School District No. 28Jt a \$7,494,690 matching grant if the bonds are approved. If bonds are not approved, grant funds will be distributed to another district.

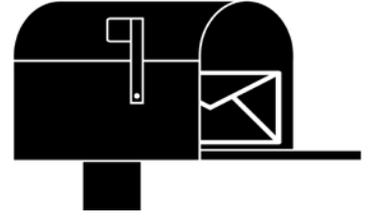
If approved, the bonds will fund school facility capital projects, including:

- Repairing and replacing roofs, boilers, foundations, windows and flooring, and other school facility improvements
- Upgrading school safety and security systems
- Adding gymnasiums to four schools that have no dedicated gyms
- Repurposing Oliver Elementary back into a middle school, including library, science, locker rooms and career technical improvements
- Refinancing existing capital obligations and paying bond issuance costs

Bonds would mature in 30 years or less from issuance date and may be issued in one or more series. The existing tax rate of approximately \$1.19 per \$1,000 of assessed is projected to continue with no expected increase. Actual levy rates may vary based upon interest rates incurred and changes in assessed value.

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