

**MEASURE SS UPDATE
WESTMINSTER'S LOCAL
TAX DOLLARS AT WORK**

WHAT IS MEASURE SS?

Enacted by Westminster Voters in 2016, Measure SS is a local 1% Transaction and Use Sales Tax (TUT) that legally cannot be taken by the State.

The funding that Measure SS provides is part of our overall General Fund revenues, targeting priorities identified by local residents, including fiscal stability, public safety, and maintaining local infrastructure.

HOW UNIQUE ARE LOCAL REVENUE MEASURES LIKE MEASURE SS?

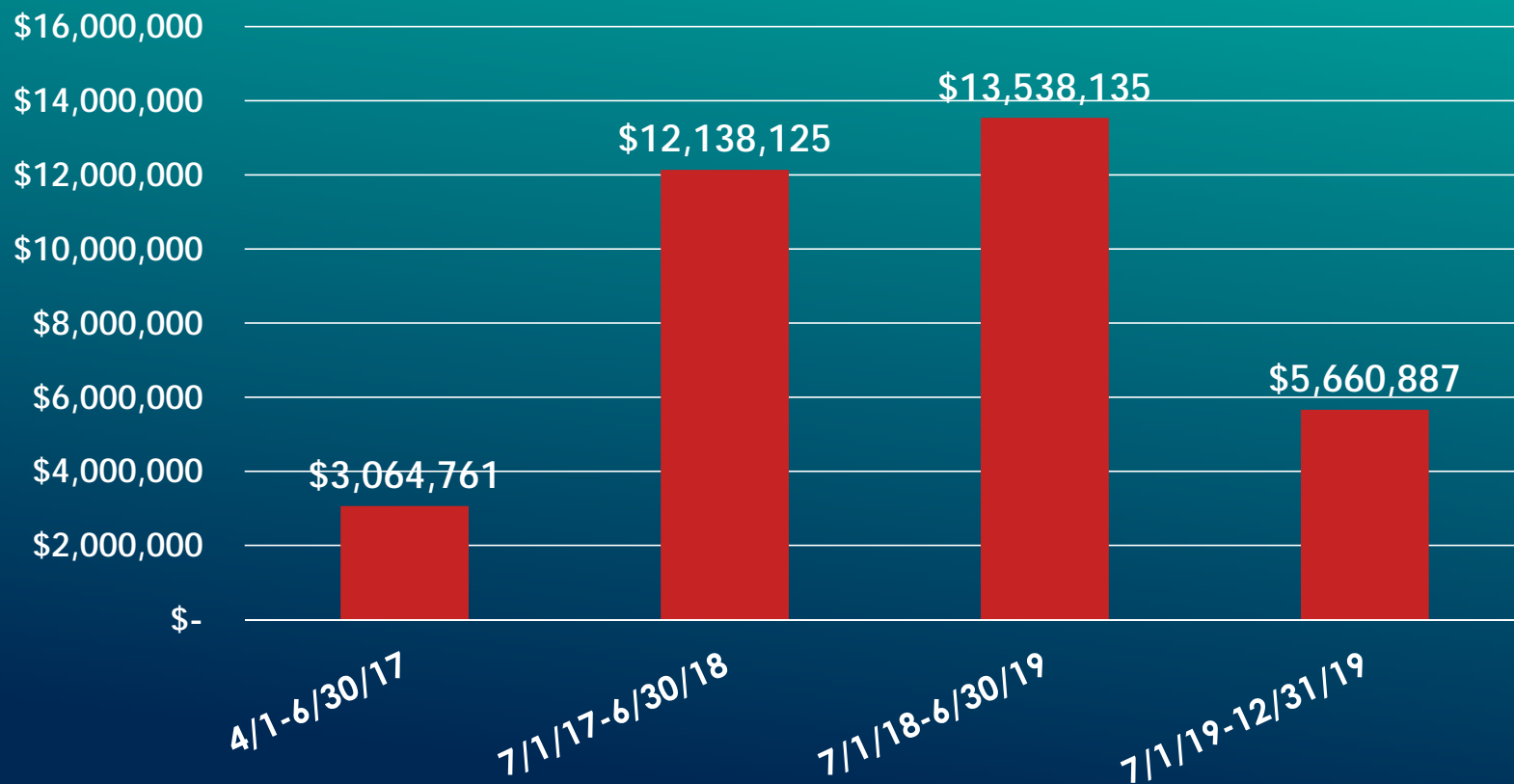
This mechanism is common among cities in California.

Currently 263 individual cities have enacted local revenue measures. Voters in at least 35 additional cities are considering similar Sales Tax measures on the March 2020 ballot.

IS THERE A PREFERRED TYPE OF LOCAL REVENUE MEASURE AMONG CALIFORNIA CITIES?

With state takeaways continuing to impact local communities statewide, Local Sales Tax Measures, particularly TUT's, have been a favorable option as a collection system is already in place that minimizes administrative and monitoring costs.

THE IMPACT OF MEASURE SS: ANNUAL TUT RECEIPTS



**HOW DOES MEASURE SS
FUNDING IMPACT LOCAL
SERVICES?**

MEASURE SS IS A MUCH NEEDED LOCAL REVENUE SOURCE

The Majority of proceeds cover an ongoing General Fund deficit.

Measure SS funds stabilize Westminster finances, allowing the City to pay for ongoing contractual obligations for basic local services, notably police, fire, and infrastructure repair.

KEEPING WESTMINSTER FISCALLY STABLE

FISCAL YEAR 2016-17	
Transaction Tax Receipts:	\$3,064,761
General Fund Operating Deficit:	(\$3,064,761)
Ending General Fund Operating Deficit not covered 6/30/17:	\$2,927,381

FISCAL YEAR 2017-18	
Transaction Tax Receipts:	\$12,138,125
General Fund Operating Deficit:	(\$7,649,541)
Transfer to Capital Projects – street repairs:	(\$3,000,000)
Transfer to Section 115 Trust Fund – Retirement Benefits	(\$250,000)
Contribution to Fund Balance	(\$1,238,584)

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FISCAL YEAR 2018-19	
Transaction Tax Receipts:	\$13,538,135
General Fund Operating Deficit:	(\$6,293,793)
Transfer to Capital Projects – street repairs:	(\$1,500,000)
Transfer to Capital Projects – TBD 2019-20 Allocation	(\$3,000,000)
Transfer to Section 115 Trust Fund – Retirement Benefits	(\$477,000)
Contribution to Fund Balance	(\$2,267,342)

KEEPING WESTMINSTER SAFE

Measure SS funds have stabilized Westminster finances and allowed the city to continue to provide the basic services our residents have told us they value, including:

- ▶ Backfilling significant cuts from our local police department
- ▶ Reversing the loss of trained police officers to other cities
- ▶ Recruiting lateral police officer transfers into Westminster PD
- ▶ Obtaining a close to full hiring status in our local police force

POLICE SWORN - 1/31/2020

POSITION:	POLICE OFFICER	POLICE SERGEANT	POLICE COMMANDER	DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF	POLICE CHIEF
FILLED:	62	13	5	0	1
VACANT:	6	1	0	2	0
TOTAL BUDGETED:	68	14	5	2	1

KEEPING WESTMINSTER MOVING

Measure SS funds have allowed the city to transfer \$4.5 million to street improvements.

RISING COSTS AND EXPIRING LOCAL FUNDING- WHAT'S NEXT?

Measure SS **is not** a stand alone long term solution it is expiring soon

Council recently approved the Cost Recovery Study – This is anticipated to bring in an additional \$1 million

The City's projected deficits without Measure SS funding are far higher than cost recovery measures alone can provide

MEASURE SS TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

- ▶ **BUDGETS AND COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTS:**
https://www.westminster-ca.gov/our_city/depts/finance/online_report.asp
- ▶ **CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE:**
https://www.westminster-ca.gov/our_city/depts/cityclerk/comms/citizens_oversight_committee.asp
- ▶ **OPENGOV TRANSPARENCY:**
<https://westminsterca.opengov.com>
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