

## ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE KK

### Vote for democracy – YES on Measure KK.

Petition circulators reported overwhelming support for this measure and gathered 3240 signatures in just 6 weeks. Measure KK requires voter approval before Berkeley streets can be dedicated to bus-only use. Telegraph, Shattuck, University and Solano Avenues are threatened with massive reconstruction followed by major congestion.

**Financial Implications:** The claim that this measure will be costly is false. Simply leave our streets alone – and this measure will cost **zero**.

Dedication of traffic lanes means losing use of portions of our streets without compensation. We pay for our streets. We should be allowed to use them.

### **AC Transit's current proposal benefits only AC Transit, which aims to spend hundreds of millions of taxpayers' dollars. By requiring voter approval, transit plans will have to benefit the public.**

AC Transit's proposal for Telegraph Avenue eliminates local bus stops. This would create a hardship for many bus-riders, particularly the elderly and disabled. Ridership might actually decrease.

Most of the parking would be removed. The only suggested "replacement" has been metered spaces in neighborhoods. Local businesses would lose customers and some might be forced to close.

Travel time saved by dedicated lanes would be insignificant; energy savings nonexistent (Draft EIR). The proposed system is NOT "green."

A major redesign of our transit system should provide a clear benefit to the community; it should not occur merely because funding is available.

### **Berkeley has a strong tradition of requiring voter approval for major transit infrastructure.**

Of Bay Area cities, only Berkeley voted to underground BART. Berkeley rejected the plan for aerial tracks as "blighting" and detrimental to local businesses, and held an election to get it right. We should choose transit that would actually work before relinquishing rights to our streets. Vote yes on Measure KK.

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## REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE KK

The supporters of Measure KK say nothing about how to improve transit, reduce traffic, or protect our environment. "Simply leave our streets alone," they say.

Measure KK's supporters make many false claims. Con-  
trary to what they say, no decision has been made to  
reduce parking or curtail local bus service.

Measure KK advertises itself as pro-democratic. But it  
subverts the democratic process. Because the supporters  
of Measure KK were unable to get what they wanted  
through the normal process of meetings and written com-  
ments that encourage public input, they put Measure KK  
on the ballot.

Improving public transportation is one of our best hopes  
for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and global warm-  
ing. But Measure KK would jeopardize current and future  
plans that have great potential to provide fast, reliable, and  
efficient transportation alternatives. It would create long  
and costly delays.

In a July 8, 2008 report to the City Council, Berkeley's  
City Manager described Measure KK as "a significant  
impediment to implementing General Plan goals and poli-  
cies relating to promoting alternatives to automobiles and  
improving public transit."

Measure KK ties the hands of our elected city leaders and  
makes it difficult for them to move ahead with transit  
improvements.

Measure KK is anti-government, anti-transit, and anti-  
environment.

It is completely out of touch with Berkeley values.

Join Mayor Tom Bates, the Sierra Club, the League of  
Women Voters and Berkeley City Councilmembers Max  
Anderson, Laurie Capitelli, and Linda Maio in saying No  
to Measure KK.

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s/Helen K. Burke  
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President, Berkeley Partner for Parks