



Measure L Fact Sheet

General Obligation Bonds

November 3, 2026 Election

Measure L would authorize general obligation bonds for the improvements listed in the measure. The City Council would determine project priorities. The measure does not require streets to receive the first or a fixed share of bond proceeds.

What would Measure L authorize?

Measure L would authorize up to \$11.2 million in general obligation bonds, repaid through an additional tax on taxable property. Authorized purposes include roads and transportation infrastructure, public facilities, community safety improvements, parks and recreational facilities, and Downtown Main Street improvements.

Who decides which projects come first?

The listed categories are eligible uses, rather than guaranteed projects or fixed allocations. The City Council would determine which authorized projects to fund and their timing. The project list includes street repairs, sidewalks and pedestrian improvements, and park and recreation facility improvements.

What is the City’s roadway background?

The City maintains a 47-mile street system. Its 15-Year Pavement Management Plan, adopted in 2019, identified a long-term investment need exceeding \$40 million. This is a historical planning estimate, not a current estimate of remaining work.

Since 2020, the City has invested approximately \$12 million in slurry treatments, paving, and coordinated infrastructure improvements, upgrading nearly 18 miles of roadway, or approximately 40% of the system. The City is updating its Pavement Management Program to reflect completed work, current construction costs, and remaining priorities.

Could funds pay for ongoing operations?

Bond proceeds could not be used for City employee salaries or general operating expenses. Ongoing maintenance and operating costs would require other funding sources.

Election information and measure documents:

<https://cityofneedles.com/government/city-clerks-office/election-information/>

City Clerk’s Office: (760) 326-2113 | City Hall, 817 Third Street, Needles. Measure copies are available at no cost.

How would property owners be taxed?

An additional property tax would repay the bonds. The Tax Rate Statement estimates an average annual rate of \$60 per \$100,000 of assessed value. At that rate, a property assessed at \$200,000 would pay \$120 per year. Assessed value is the value on the property tax roll, rather than market value.

Measure details

Bond authorization	Up to \$11.2 million
Estimated annual tax revenue	\$739,971 on average while bonds are outstanding
Bond maturity	Up to 40 years after issuance of each series
Estimated total repayment	Approximately \$25.16 million, including principal and interest, if all bonds are issued
Oversight and reporting	Independent citizens’ oversight, annual audits and reporting, and a separate proceeds account
Approval required	At least two-thirds of voters voting on the measure

Tax rates, repayment costs, and the repayment period in the Tax Rate Statement are estimates, not guaranteed limits. Actual amounts and timing may vary.

What does a YES vote mean?

A YES vote authorizes the City to issue the bonds and levy the additional property tax to repay them.

What does a NO vote mean?

A NO vote does not authorize the City to issue these bonds or levy the additional property tax to repay them. The timing and scope of future projects would depend on funding availability.