



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: CEO
Department No.: 012
For Agenda Of: May 17, 2016
Placement: Administrative
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Continued Item: NA
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department County of Santa Barbara Legislative Program Committee
Director(s):
Contact Info: Joseph Toney, Interim Deputy County Executive Officer, 568-3400

SUBJECT: Resolution to Support Statewide Efforts to Improve Transportation Funding; All Districts

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: NA

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Adopt the attached resolution supporting statewide efforts to improve and stabilize funding to maintain local transportation networks; and
- b) Determine pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5) that the above action is not a project subject to CEQA review, because the action consists of organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Summary Text:

The attached resolution, support by and referred to the Board of Supervisors for action by the Legislative Program Committee, will aid in efforts to address a state funding gap for maintenance of our local streets and roads, conveying our local needs to the Governor.

California's local street and road system continues to be in crisis. Every trip begins on a city street or county road, as local agencies are responsible for 81 percent of California's pavement. California roads are in a state of decline that will eventually lead to less safe, less efficient and less reliable travel if deferred maintenance needs are not met.

A healthy transportation network is critical to provide a seamless, interconnected system that supports the traveling public and economic vitality throughout the State. This system includes more than just pavement – it includes bridges, drainage systems, traffic components, sidewalks, and other hardscape.

Pavement comprises the bulk of the backlog, but all of these components are in need of deferred maintenance.

The 2014 California Local Streets & Roads Needs Assessment Report shows a steady downward trend in the pavement condition since 2008. On a scale of zero (failed) to 100 (excellent), the statewide average pavement condition index (PCI) has deteriorated from 68 in 2008, to 66 (“at risk” category) in 2014. Projections indicate that in 10 years, 25 percent of California’s streets and roads will be in the “failed” category. Santa Barbara County’s transportation system overall PCI is currently 59 (“at risk”) and is projected to decline to “poor” within the next 10 years.

Public safety concerns intensify the urgency for state decision makers to find solutions, and funding sources for maintenance and repair of our transportation network. Through the California State Association of Counties and the County Engineers Association of California, resolutions from counties across the state combined with advocacy will contribute towards creating a statewide solution to help maintain the health of our transportation network.

Counties and Cities would need more than \$72.7 billion over the next 10 years to bring the system up to “good” condition. The current annual funding level for the local system is \$1.7 billion a year. To maintain the status quo for pavements would require an additional investment of \$3.3 billion a year. Locally, Santa Barbara County has a backlog of need of \$259 million for transportation infrastructure. State funding is a critical component in maintaining our roads and addressing this backlog.

Background:

Santa Barbara County has been tracking and reporting its deferred transportation maintenance backlog since the mid 1990’s. The first comprehensive statewide study of California’s local street and road system took place in 2008. It provided critical analysis and information on the statewide local transportation network condition and funding needs. The 2014 update provides another look at this vital component of the State’s transportation system and finds further deterioration and a growing funding shortfall statewide. This biennial assessment allows the County to compare its needs and analysis with other counties throughout the State.

This update surveyed all of California’s 58 counties and 482 cities in 2014. The information collected captured data from more than 99 percent of the State’s local streets and roads. This level of participation exemplifies the interest at the local level to provide comprehensive and defensible data to demonstrate the gravity of this growing problem, and gather support for finding a solution. This resolution conveys local needs in California to our Governor for a potential statewide solution.

In June of 2015, the Governor called for a special session of the legislature to review and find possible solutions for funding transportation infrastructure needs. A few proposed bills were developed out of the special session, but no definitive action was taken. In addition, the Governor’s Proposed Budget includes a reintroduction of his 2015 Transportation Funding and Reform Package. The recommendation includes additional funding of \$360 billion over ten years, or \$3.6 billion annually, for maintenance and rehabilitation of state and local transportation systems and investments in transit. Final funding decisions will be made with an adopted budget by the end of June.

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Special Instructions:

Please forward one copy of the executed Resolution, and a certified stamped minute order to the attention of Blair Gilbertson, Public Works Department, Transportation Division, ext. 3064.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Resolution

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