



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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**Department Name:** Public Works  
**Department No.:** 054  
**For Agenda Of:** February 3, 2015  
**Placement:** Set Hearing for  
February 10, 2015  
**Estimated Tme:** 30 Minutes  
**Continued Item:**  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Director Scott D. McGolpin, Public Works Director, 568-3010  
Contact Info: Chris Sneddon, Deputy Director, Transportation, 568-3064  
**SUBJECT:** California Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment Report and  
County Local Streets and Roads Summary; All Districts

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Receive and file a report during the February 10, 2015 Departmental Agenda, on the recently completed 2014 California Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment; All Districts (30 minutes);
- B. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute a Resolution supporting the findings of the California Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment Report.
- C. Upon adoption of the Resolution, authorize the Chair to sign letters addressed to the Governor and local State Legislators urging them to identify a sufficient and stable funding source for local street and road maintenance and rehabilitation.
- D. Find that the proposed action does not constitute a "Project" within the meaning of CEQA, pursuant to 14 CCR 15378(b)(2) (continuing administrative or maintenance activities, such as purchases for supplies, personnel-related actions, general policy and procedure making), and approve the filing of a Notice of Exemption on that basis.

**Summary Text:**

The result of the 2014 California Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment shows a steady downward trend in pavement condition since 2008. The majority of California's counties now have an average pavement condition rating that is considered "at risk." Projections indicate that, in 10 years, 25 percent of California's streets and roads will be in the "failed" category. In Santa Barbara County, the overall system condition is projected to move from "at risk" to "poor" under present funding scenarios.

Counties and Cities would need more than \$72.7 billion over the next 10 years to bring the local system up to date. The current statewide annual funding level is \$1.7 billion a year. Just maintaining the status quo for pavements will require an investment of an additional \$3.3 billion a year.

Locally, the current condition of Santa Barbara County roads is categorized as “at risk.” Santa Barbara County would need to invest \$20 million per year to bring its transportation system up to a “good” condition. At a minimum, a \$12 million annual investment is needed to avoid slipping from “at risk” to a “poor” pavement condition. If County roads fall into the “poor” condition category, each road will cost twice as much to repair in the future.

**Background:**

The comprehensive statewide study of California’s local streets and roads provided critical analysis and information on the local transportation network’s condition and funding needs. This 2014 needs assessment provides another look at this vital component of the state’s transportation system and finds further deterioration and a growing funding shortfall statewide. The entire report can be found at the following website: [www.savecaliforniastreet.org](http://www.savecaliforniastreet.org).

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: N/A

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