

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**A RESOLUTION URGING THE STATE TO)
PROVIDE NEW SUSTAINABLE FUNDING FOR)
TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE AND)
SUPPORTING THE FINDINGS OF THE 2014)
CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE LOCAL STREETS)
AND ROADS NEEDS ASSESSMENT UPDATE)**

RESOLUTION NO. _____

WHEREAS, cities and counties own and operate over 81% of the roads in California, and from the moment we open our front door to drive to work, bike to school, or walk to the bus station, people are dependent upon a safe, reliable local transportation network; and

WHEREAS, the results of the 2014 California Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment, which provides critical analysis and information on the local transportation network's condition and funding needs, indicate that the condition of the local transportation network is deteriorating as predicted in the 2008 study; and

WHEREAS, the results show that California's local streets and roads are on a path of significant decline. On a scale of zero (failed) to 100 (excellent), the statewide average pavement condition index (PCI) is 66, placing it in the "at risk" category; and

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara County's local streets and roads average PCI is 60, placing it in the "at risk" category; and

WHEREAS, if current funding remains the same, the statewide condition is projected to deteriorate to a PCI of 55 in 10 years; and

WHEREAS, if current funding remains the same for Santa Barbara County, the condition is projected to deteriorate to a PCI of 43 in 10 years; and

WHEREAS, cities and counties need an additional \$3.3 billion just to maintain a status quo pavement condition, let alone bring the system into a good condition which is the most cost effective use of public funds; and

WHEREAS, the County would need to spend \$20 Million per year to bring its road system up to "good" condition or \$12 Million per year to keep the system from slipping from "at risk" to "poor"; and

WHEREAS, if additional funding isn't secured now, it will cost taxpayers twice as much to fix the local system in the future; and

WHEREAS, modernizing the local street and road system provides well-paying construction jobs and boosts local economies; and

WHEREAS, the local street and road system is also critical for farm to market needs, interconnectivity, multimodal needs, and commerce; and

WHEREAS, police, fire, and emergency medical services all need safe reliable roads to react quickly to emergency calls and a few minutes of delay can be a matter of life and death; and

WHEREAS, maintaining and preserving the local street and road system in good condition will reduce drive times and traffic congestion, improve bicycle safety, and make the pedestrian experience safer and more appealing, which leads to reduced vehicle emissions helping the State achieve its air quality and greenhouse gas emissions reductions goals; and

WHEREAS, restoring roads before they fail also reduces construction time which results in less air pollution from heavy equipment and less water pollution from site run-off; and

WHEREAS, in order to bring the local system back into a cost-effective condition, thereby preserving the public's \$188 billion statewide pavement investment and stopping further costly deterioration, at least \$7.8 billion annually in new money going directly to cities and counties over a period of ten years is needed to stop the further decline and deterioration of our streets and roads;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA supports the findings of the 2014 California Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment Update.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the COUNTY strongly urges the State to identify a sufficient and stable funding source for local street and road maintenance and rehabilitation to ensure the safe and efficient mobility of the traveling public and the economic vitality of California.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County Santa Barbara, State of California, on this _____ day of _____, 2015 by the following vote:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:
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CLERK OF THE BOARD

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

By: _____
Deputy

By: _____
Janet Wolf, Chair
Board of Supervisors

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
MICHAEL C. GHIZZONI
COUNTY COUNSEL

By: _____
Deputy County Counsel