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January 26, 2010

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Local Streets and Roads Funding Needs

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

The California Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment critically analyzed the local transportation network's condition and funding needs by surveying all of California's 58 counties and 478 cities in 2007-08. The results show that California's roads are on a path of significant decline, with an existing statewide Pavement Condition Index (PCI) average in the "at risk category". If current funding remains the same, the statewide PCI condition is projected to deteriorate 14% in 10 years, and 17% more in 23 years to the "poor" category. Most critical is the unfunded backlog of \$70 billion over the next 10 years.

Ongoing road maintenance is a significant public safety concern. Fatality rates on county roads already exceed those of the State's highway system. A county's failure to maintain its paved road network (potholes filling, sealing, overlays, etc.), traffic signals, signs, and street lights has a direct correlation to traffic accidents, injuries, and deaths. Therefore, preserving and maintaining the local system in good condition is less costly than to let it deteriorate. To bring the pavement condition to a level of best management practices there needs to be an additional investment of nearly \$70 billion dollars over the next 10 years. In order to bring the local system back into a cost-effective condition, thereby preserving the public's \$271 billion pavement investment and stopping further costly deterioration, at least \$7 billion annually in new money is needed to stop the further decline and deterioration.

For Butte County, this equates to needing more than \$16 million annually to bring our local roads up to a good condition and approximately \$8 million a year thereafter to keep our roads in this good condition

The Butte County Board of Supervisors passed the enclosed Board Resolution, supporting the findings of the California Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment and vehemently opposing future transportation funding cuts, such as cuts to Proposition 42 and the Highway User Tax Account (HUTA). The Board of Supervisors strongly supports preserving the adequate and stable funding sources and urges the Governor and legislators to identify new funding sources for local street and road maintenance and rehabilitation.

Sincerely,

Bill Connelly, Supervisor District 1
Chair, Butte County Board of Supervisors

CC: Sam Aanestad, State Senator District 4
Dan Logue, State Assembly Member District 3



Resolution No. 10-019

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE FINDINGS OF THE CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE
LOCAL STREETS AND ROADS NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

WHEREAS, cities and counties own and operate over 81% of the roads in California, where every trip begins and ends, and the local system is critical for safety and mobility of the traveling public, farm to market needs, multimodal needs, and commerce; and

WHEREAS, while federal and state governments regularly assess their transportation system needs, no such data existed for the local component of the state's transportation network; and

WHEREAS, the California Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment provides critical analysis and information on the local transportation network's condition and funding needs; and

WHEREAS, the study surveyed all of California's 58 counties and 478 cities in 2007-08, resulting in data from more than 93% of local street and road miles; 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 68, 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 58 in 10 years, and further to 48 ("poor" category) by 2033; and

WHEREAS, even more critical, the unfunded backlog is \$70 billion over the next 10 years and will more than double in the next 20 years; and

WHEREAS, ongoing road maintenance is a significant public safety concern. Fatality rates on county roads already exceed those of the State's freeway system. A county's failure to maintain its paved road network (potholes filling, sealing, overlays, etc.), traffic signals, signs, and street lights has a direct correlation to traffic accidents, injuries and deaths; and

WHEREAS, to spend the taxpayer's money cost-effectively, preserving and maintaining the local system in good condition is less costly than to let it deteriorate. To bring the pavement condition and essential components, such as storm drains and gutters, of local streets and roads to a level of best management practices there needs to be an additional investment of nearly \$70 billion dollars over the next 10 years; and

WHEREAS, in order to bring the local system back into a cost-effective condition, thereby preserving the public's \$271 billion pavement investment and stopping further costly deterioration, at least \$7 billion annually in new money going directly to cities and counties is needed to stop the further decline and deterioration of our streets and roads; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF BUTTE supports the findings of the California Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall send this resolution with an accompanying letter from the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to the Governor and each legislator, expressing vehement opposition to future cuts to vital transportation funding such as Proposition 42 and the Highway User Tax Account (HUTA) and strong support for adequate and stable funding sources for local street and road maintenance and rehabilitation; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the COUNTY strongly urges the state to identify sufficient and stable funding sources for local street and road maintenance and rehabilitation.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Butte, State of California, this 26th day of January, 2010, by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Dolan, Kirk, Lambert, Yamaguchi, and Chair Connelly
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
NOT VOTING: None

Bill Connelly
_____, Chair
Butte County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
Scott Tandy, Interim Chief Administrative Officer
and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: [Signature]

THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT IS A CORRECT COPY OF THE ORIGINAL ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THIS OFFICE
ATTEST DATE 1/27/10

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
in and for the County Of Butte
State of California
By [Signature] DEPUTY