

RESOLUTION NO. 10- 002

RESOLUTION OF THE MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SUPPORTING THE FINDINGS OF THE CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE LOCAL STREETS AND ROADS NEEDS ASSESSMENT (COUNTYWIDE)

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

WHEREAS, Mendocino County has over 300 miles of un-surfaced roads which reflect a need not quantified in the above study but representing some \$30 million additional needs in our local road system to serve the traveling public in Mendocino County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors:

Supports the findings of the California Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment; and

Strongly urges the state to identify sufficient and stable funding sources for local street and road maintenance and rehabilitation; and

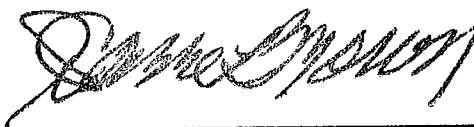
Authorizes and directs the Director of Transportation and/or County Executive and/or Clerk to send this resolution with an accompanying letter from the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to the Governor and each legislator, expressing vehement opposition to future cuts to vital transportation funding 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.

The foregoing Resolution introduced by Supervisor Pinches, seconded by Supervisor Colfax, and carried this 5th day of January, 2010, by the following vote:

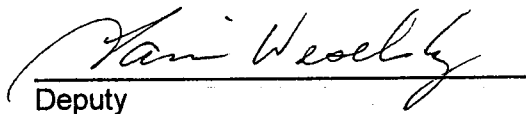
AYES: Supervisors Brown, McCowen, Pinches, Smith and Colfax
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

WHEREUPON, the Chair declared said Resolution adopted and SO ORDERED.

ATTEST: KRISTI FURMAN
Clerk of the Board



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Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

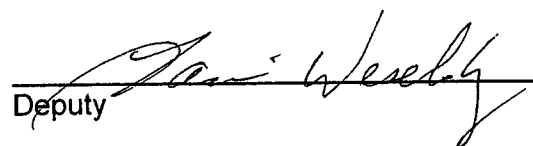
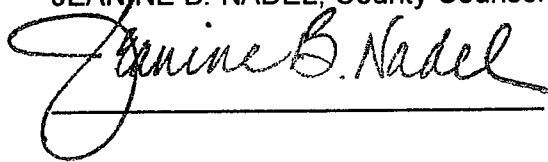


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I hereby certify that according to the provisions of Government Code Section 25103, delivery of this document has been made.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
JEANINE B. NADEL, County Counsel

BY: KRISTI FURMAN
Clerk of the Board



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