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The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
Office of the Governor
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Local Streets and Roads

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors reviewed troubling data during its March 9, 2010 meeting which showed California's local transportation system is on the brink of crisis. The condition of streets and roads will rapidly deteriorate, according to the California Statewide Local Streets and Roads Assessment (Assessment), without significant State investment in the local system.

The Assessment reports that 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. In Sacramento County, the average PCI is 62. If current funding levels are maintained for maintenance and rehabilitation of the local streets and roads, the statewide pavement condition will deteriorate to a PCI of 58 in 10 years, and further to 48 ("poor" category) by 2033.

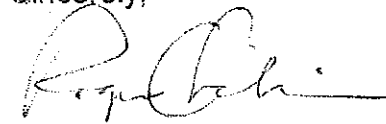
A minimum of at least \$7 billion annually in new money going directly to cities and counties over a 10-year period is needed to stop the further decline and deterioration of our streets and roads. Funding is critical in bringing the local system back to a cost effective condition thereby preserving the public's \$271 billion pavement investment and stopping further costly deterioration.



Sacramento County alone has a yearly funding shortfall for adequate road maintenance and preservation of at least \$40 million.

As stated in the attached Resolution No. 2010-0161 adopted on March 9, 2010, the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors opposes any future cuts in vital transportation funding and strongly supports the provision of adequate and stable funding sources for local street and road maintenance and rehabilitation. Further, the County strongly urges the State to identify sufficient and stable funding sources for local streets and roads maintenance and rehabilitation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roger Dickinson", written in a cursive style.

ROGER DICKINSON
Chair, Board of Supervisors
Supervisor, District One

RD:cds/MJP/dlr/

Enclosure: Resolution No. 2010-0161

Cc: Steven C. Szalay, Interim County Executive
Members of the Legislature
DeAnn Baker, Sr. Legislative Representative, Housing, Land Use & Transportation/
Director of CEAC Affairs

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-0161

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, the local street and road system provides two-fold opportunity for economic recovery during the worst fiscal crisis in California in decades. The maintenance and preservation of the local transportation network provides both public and private sector jobs and thus supports economic recovery in every corner of the State. Furthermore, well maintained infrastructure is critical for economic development by attracting businesses and providing for the safe and efficient movement of both people and goods; 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 that represents 93% of local street and road miles in the state; 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, the County of Sacramento has a PCI of 62.

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

WHEREAS, to spend the taxpayer's money cost-effectively, preserving and maintaining the local system in good condition, or at a level of best management practices, is less costly in the long term; 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 over a period of ten years is needed to stop the further decline and deterioration of our streets and roads; and

WHEREAS, the County of Sacramento has a yearly funding shortfall for road maintenance and preservation of at least \$40,000,000.

A Resolution Supporting The Findings Of The California Statewide Local Streets And Roads Needs Assessment

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that the Board Of Supervisors of the County of Sacramento, State of California, supports the findings of the California Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk 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

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

On a motion by Supervisor Yee, seconded by Supervisor Nottoli, the foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sacramento this 9th day of March, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:	Supervisors,	MacGlashan, Nottoli, Yee, Peters, Dickinson
NOES:	Supervisors,	None
ABSENT:	Supervisors,	None
ABSTAIN:	Supervisors,	None

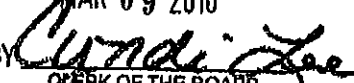

Chair of the Board of Supervisors
of Sacramento County, California



In accordance with Section 25103 of the Government Code of the State of California a copy of the document has been delivered to the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, County of Sacramento on 3/9/10

By 
Deputy Clerk, Board of Supervisors

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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BY 
CLERK OF THE BOARD

ATTEST: 
Clerk, Board of Supervisors