

**RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
SUPPORTING THE FINDINGS OF THE CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE LOCAL STREETS AND  
ROADS NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

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

**WHEREAS**, providing funding for local street and road maintenance and repair will assist with 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.

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

**WHEREAS**, the California Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment 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 "fair" category; and

**WHEREAS**, if current funding remains the same, the statewide condition is projected to deteriorate to a PCI of 58 ("at risk" category) in 10 years, and further to 48 ("poor" category) by 2033; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Solano has a PCI of 67 ("fair" category) with a three-year moving average PCI of 64; and

**WHEREAS**, providing a good level of road maintenance is important to public safety. Fatality rates on county roads already exceed those of the State's freeway system. Maintaining the paved road network (filling potholes, 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, by preserving and maintaining the local system in good condition, or at a level of best management practices, is less costly in the long term than repairing the system after it has deteriorated; 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 the local streets and roads system; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Solano has a 10 year funding shortfall of \$68 million, or about \$6.8 million annually.

**RESOLVED** by the Solano County Board of Supervisors that it supports the findings of the California Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment; and

**RESOLVED**, that the County Administrator shall send this resolution with an accompanying letter from the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to the Governor and each legislator, expressing strong 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**, that Solano County strongly urges the state to identify sufficient and stable funding sources for local street and road maintenance and rehabilitation.

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Passed and adopted by the Solano County Board of Supervisors on January 12, 2010 by the following vote:

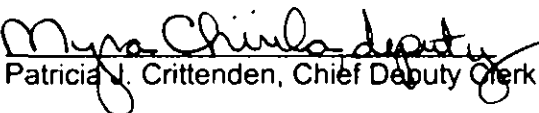
AYES: SUPERVISORS: Kondylis, Seifert,  
Spring, and Chair Vasquez

NOES: SUPERVISORS: None

EXCUSED: SUPERVISORS: Reagan

  
Chair  
Solano County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:  
Michael D. Johnson, Clerk  
Solano County Board of Supervisors

By:   
Patricia J. Crittenden, Chief Deputy Clerk