

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF CALIFORNIA)
STATEWIDE NEEDS ASSESSMENT) RESOLUTION NO. 2010-0115
PRESENTATION)

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

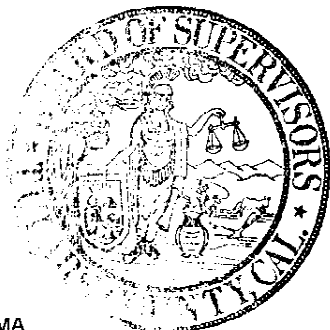
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF TULARE supports the findings of the California Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the county administrator or 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

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

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR ENNIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ISHIDA, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 9, 2010, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: SUPERVISORS ISHIDA, VANDER POEL, COX, WORTHLEY AND ENNIS
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE



ATTEST: JEAN M. ROUSSEAU
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: *Daniel A. Ybana*
Deputy Clerk

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County of Tulare

February 10, 2010

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger, Governor
State of California
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95815

Subject: California Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment

Allen R. Ishida
District One

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

Pete Vander Poel
District Two

The Tulare County Board of Supervisors, on February 9, 2010 adopted Resolution 2010-0115, **A Resolution Supporting the Findings of The California Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment**. A copy of the resolution is enclosed.

Phillip A. Cox
District Three

On behalf of the County of Tulare I strongly urge you to adopt a "No-Cuts" policy with regard to critical transportation funding such as Proposition 42 and the Highway Users Tax Account. The costs for addressing cumulative damage to local streets and roads when allowed to deteriorate for any reason is exponential relative to the costs of addressing maintenance and rehabilitation concerns as they arise. It is fiscally prudent to fund the maintenance and rehabilitation as the needs arise than to wait until all roads are in severe disrepair.

J. Steven Worthley
District Four

Counties and cities maintain 81% of the roads in California, and the local road system is critical for the safety and mobility of the traveling public, farm to market needs, multimodal needs, and commerce. Out of concern for our local and visiting citizenry and for all travelers to the great State of California, we must also ask you to consider public safety when determining funding for local streets and roads.

Mike Ennis
District Five

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We feel strongly that stable and sufficient funding sources for local streets and road maintenance not only be identified, but be protected as well, and we urge you, and the legislators to work to that end.

BOARD STAFF

Jeff Forbes

Thank you for your consideration.

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Sincerely,

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CLERK OF THE BOARD

J. Steven Worthley
Chairman of the Board
Tulare County Board of Supervisors

Michelle Baldwin
Chief Clerk

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