

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
and for Special Districts, Agencies and Authorities Governed by the Board

Adopted this Resolution on 01/19/2010 by the following vote:

AYES: ☐

NOES: ☐

ABSENT: ☐

ABSTAIN: ☐

RECUSE: ☐



Resolution No. 2010/47

IN THE MATTER OF 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.

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, Contra Costa County has a PCI of 81, declining from 87 in 2004; 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. 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, Contra Costa County has a deferred road maintenance of \$20.63 million in fiscal year 2009/10.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA 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 street and road maintenance and rehabilitation.

ADOPTED this 19th day of January, 2010.

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

Contact: Steve Kowalewski, 925-313-2225

ATTESTED: January 19, 2010

David J. Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: , Deputy

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