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COUNTY OF TULARE
AGENDA ITEM**

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AGENDA DATE: February 9, 2010

Public Hearing Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Resolution, Ordinance or Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s) Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>						
CONTACT PERSON: Celeste Perez PHONE: 559-624-7010						

SUBJECT: California Statewide Needs Assessment Presentation

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Receive a presentation regarding an overview of the California Statewide Needs Assessment Project; and
2. Support the findings of the California Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment and authorize the County Administrative Officer 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.

SUMMARY:

The Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment is the first in an ongoing study of local pavement conditions and essential components. Currently, there is no comprehensive and systematic statewide approach to quantify local streets and roads needs statewide. The information on local pavement conditions was self-reported by local agencies from 2007-2008. The study was made possible through contributions by individual cities and counties.

The Assessment was a collaborative effort conducted by the following agencies:

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- California State Association of Counties (CSAC)
- League of California Cities (League)
- County Engineers Association of California (CEAC)
- County of Los Angeles
- California Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPA)
- California Rural Counties Task Force (RCTF)

The County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works directed the project with the help of a consultant. According to the Assessment, the average local street and road in California ranks 68 on the Pavement Condition Index (PCI) using industry standards based on a scale of zero (failed) to 100 (excellent). This places streets and roads in the "at risk" category. (Tulare County's PCI has ranged from 68 to 70.5 over the last 5 years which is consistent with the state-wide information.) If funding levels are maintained without any supplemental allocations, the pavement rating is projected to deteriorate to 58 in 10 years. If no additional funds are allocated, this rating will plummet even further to a mere 48, just one level above a "failed" rating, by 2033. A copy of the full report is available at www.savecaliforniastreet.com.

This presentation is part of the education and outreach campaign developed by the League and CSAC to help spread the word about the results of the study and the need for additional investment in the local street and road system. The expected outcomes are:

- Educate local elected officials and community members about the status of the local system and why revenues allocated in the state budget are so essential to protecting our infrastructure investments -- i.e. Proposition 42 and Highway User Tax Account (gas tax) funds.
- Reconnect with key legislative members that work on transportation issues to discuss the specific details of the report and ideas for protecting revenues as state budget negotiations resume in January 2010.
- Gain local media coverage throughout the state by presenting the results of the study within a narrow time period.
- Better enable the League and CSAC to advocate at the state level to save existing transportation revenues, building on the groundswell of attention from local leaders and elected officials, as well as local media outlets.

This presentation will detail the findings of the study as well as pavement conditions in Tulare County.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

There is no net County cost to the General Fund.

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LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

The County's five-year Strategic Plan includes the Safety and Security initiative which addresses improving and maintaining an adequate transportation infrastructure.

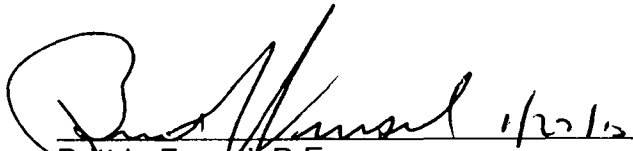
ALTERNATIVES:

The Board could choose to take no action; however, selection of this alternative would leave an ambiguous message to the State legislature.

INVOLVEMENT OF OTHER DEPARTMENTS OR AGENCIES:

This presentation is in coordination with CSAC and the League of California Cities.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:


Britt L. Fusser, P.E.
Assistant Director – Public Works
County Surveyor

cc: Auditor/Controller
County Counsel
County Administrative Office (2)

Attachment: California Statewide Needs Assessment Project (on file with Clerk of the Board)
Fact Sheet
Draft Letters to Governor and Legislators

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

IN THE MATTER OF CALIFORNIA)
STATEWIDE NEEDS ASSESSMENT) RESOLUTION NO. _____
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 _____, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR _____, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 9, 2010, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

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

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk
