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The Honorable Senator Mike McGuire
Chair, Senate Governance and Finance Committee
State Capitol, Room 5061
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for Senate Bill 1: Transportation Funding

Dear Senator McGuire:

I am writing on behalf of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors to reiterate our support for full sustainable funding for transportation infrastructure. As stated in the Board's adopted 2017 Legislative Platform, maintaining local roads to ensure safe and efficient movement of people, goods, and services is critical for public safety and economic development. If the backlog of existing maintenance is not addressed now, the cost to maintain it will double in the next decade. For Santa Barbara County, this means the transportation maintenance backlog will increase from \$250M to \$500M. An additional \$12M of annual funding is needed for pavement maintenance alone to prevent roads from deteriorating further and even more is needed to implement pavement best management practices.

We urge you and the California legislature to pass a transportation funding package in 2017 to address the billions of dollars statewide in backlogged maintenance needs that have led to potholes, deteriorating roads, bridges and transit systems here in our community. The longer we wait to fix the small problems, the bigger and more expensive they become. In fact, it costs eight times more to fix a road than to maintain it.

Thankfully there are positive signs. Legislative leaders and Governor Brown have [promised](#) to pass a long-term, dedicated transportation funding package early this year. Passage of two bills, SB 1 (Beall) and AB 1 (Frazier) will generate new revenue that can boost funding for transportation fixes in Santa Barbara County. These bills also contain strong accountability requirements to reduce bureaucracy and streamline project delivery. We strongly support SB 1 and AB 1.

If you have questions about the Board's position, please contact the County's Legislative Coordinator, Dennis Bozanich at 805-568-3403 or dbozanich@countyofsb.org.

Sincerely,

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