

Call – Reach Out To Your Local Representatives Talking Points

Transportation California’s top agenda issue this year is securing permanent dedicated financing to meet state and local government transportation maintenance and preservation needs. Although significant progress has been made, we are currently at a critical time to get things done.

Call For Action

The Governor, in calling the Special Session on Transportation, identified \$59 billion as the cost to address deferred maintenance on state maintenance – and, at the local level, California State Association of Counties (CSAC) has identified an additional \$78 billion as necessary in order to simply maintain our roadways and infrastructure. Transportation California and a broad coalition of local government, business, and labor stakeholders have outlined necessary priorities and funding sources we believe should be the basis for legislation addressing this critical issue for California.

Now is the time to act. We need to push hard for a comprehensive solution on a transportation finance bill. Please make the calls – reach out to your local State Senators and Assemblymembers directly to ask for their support for a solution. **To assist you in this, we have prepared these Talking Points, and accompanying lists of both the California Senate and Assembly Legislators for your use (as well as providing access to an [online tool](#) that allows you to look up your specific Legislators in your area, if you prefer this method).**

The Facts

- Our crumbling roads cost motorists an average of **\$762 a year per driver** for vehicle maintenance. *(For some cities and counties, this can be as high as \$1,100 a year.)*
- California has **4 of 5 cities** with the worst road conditions in the country.
- **55% of local bridges** require rehabilitation or replacement.
- Without additional funding, **¼ of local streets and roads** will be in **failed condition by 2024**.
- Without adequate, permanent and sustainable funding levels, **our industry faces serious economic impacts - to jobs and projects**.

[Fix Our Roads Coalition](#) Seven Key Principles

- 1) Make a significant investment in transportation infrastructure of at least \$6 Billion annually and remain in place at least 10 years.
- 2) Focus on maintaining and rehabilitating the current state and local road systems.
- 3) Invest a portion of diesel tax and/or cap-and-trade revenue to high-priority projects that facilitate freight movement.

- 4) Raise revenues across a broad range of options. Research by the California Alliance for Jobs and Transportation California shows that voters strongly support increased funding for transportation improvements; they're more open to a package that spreads potential tax or fee increases across a broad range of options rather than just one source. Additionally, any package should move California toward an all-users pay structure in which everyone who benefits from the system contributes to maintaining it – from traditional gasoline-fueled vehicles, to hybrids, alternative fuel and electric vehicles, to commercial vehicles.
- 5) Equal split between state and local projects; sharing revenue for roadway maintenance equally (50/50) between the state and cities and counties.
- 6) Strong accountability requirements to protect the taxpayers' investment to assure voters / taxpayers the revenues are being used responsibly.
- 7) Provide consistent annual funding levels to address the volatility of the annual Tax Swap Adjustment by the State Board of Equalization.