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Senator Jim Beall  
Chair, Senate Transportation and Housing Committee  
State Capitol, Room 2082  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: **Support for Senate Bill 1: Transportation Funding**

Dear Senator Beall:

The Fix Our Roads Coalition, including all of the undersigned, strongly support your legislation, Senate Bill 1: Transportation Funding. SB 1 provides critically-needed funding that will allow CalTrans and local governments to improve roads and highways and to begin to make a dent in the massive backlog of upgrades and maintenance in California's transportation network. This includes work needed to fix pothole-filled roads, bridges and transit systems. Specifically, SB 1:

- **Provides new revenues for transportation.** SB 1 is a long-term transportation reform and funding package that contains new revenues to make road safety improvements, fill potholes and repair local streets, highways, bridges and overpasses. SB 1 raises at least \$6 billion annually when fully phased in, which is what is needed to make a dent in the maintenance backlog. The new maintenance revenues will be split equally between state and locals.
- **Provides strong accountability provisions.** SB 1 includes provisions to streamline projects by cutting bureaucratic redundancies and red tape. These measures will ensure transportation funds are spent efficiently and effectively. SB 1 also gives more independence to the California Transportation Commission and establishes the independent office of Transportation Inspector General to perform audits, improve efficiency and increase transparency.

While we offer support for your SB 1, it should be stressed that our coalition and those listed below also are advocating for increased protections for transportation revenue. **Any new transportation package should be coupled with a constitutional amendment, to be placed on the next ballot, which will ensure the new revenues are not diverted for non-transportation purposes.**

Thank you for being a strong champion in addressing California's transportation backlog as well as supporting our efforts to #FixCARoads. It's critical that the legislature pass a funding and reform package this year.





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TRANSPORTATION  
PLANNING AGENCY



California Construction and  
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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION



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With the cost to fix a road eight times more than the cost to maintain it, the longer we wait to fix our transportation problems, the bigger and more expensive they become.

As you know, it has been 23 years since California has increased funding for transportation. Road repairs now receive only 50 percent of the funding they did back in 1994. Inflation, more fuel efficient cars, and electric and hybrid vehicles have eroded transportation funding over the years.

We have more than \$130 billion dollars in needed upgrades to our state highway system (\$59 billion) and our local streets, roads and bridges (\$73 billion).

California drivers are paying the price for the state's inaction. According to a 2015 study from the National Transportation Research Group, the poor condition of California streets and roads costs the average driver \$762 annually in maintenance costs.

We are pleased to strongly support SB 1. With your leadership on this issue and with the [promise](#) from Governor Brown and legislative leaders to pass a long-term, dedicated transportation funding package early in 2017 we are hopeful this will be the year we deliver a transportation deal Californians deserve.

Sincerely,

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