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NEWS ADVISORY: TRANSPORTATION CALIFORNIA CHEERS PASSAGE OF SB 1, THE ROAD REPAIR AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2017, BY THE STATE LEGISLATURE

Transportation California today applauded the passage of SB 1 by Senator Beall, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, by the State Legislature and thanked the members for their action. The bill will raise \$52.4 billion over the next 10 years to fix our roads, add capacity to our transportation system, improve our local transit systems, and help move goods to market. The bill goes next to the Governor for his signature.

"We are thrilled by the passage of SB 1 today, an indispensable step to fix our deteriorating streets, highways, and bridges," said Steve Clark, chair of Transportation California, "With this step, we will be able to reverse the decades-long decline of the condition of our transportation system, save Californians from unnecessary vehicle repair expenses, improve mobility all across our state, and create thousands of good paying jobs."

The legislation was strongly supported by the Governor, the legislative leadership, and numerous business, labor, local government, and civic organizations. In the last week, the Governor and legislative leadership led an intensive effort to advocate for the bill's approval.

"Everyone acknowledges that, as Speaker Anthony Rendon put it: 'Our roads suck,'" Roger Dickinson, executive director of Transportation California noted, "but thanks to the leadership of the Governor, the Speaker, the Senate President pro Tem, Senator Beall and Assemblymember Frazier, all Californians won a big victory today."

On average, Californians spend \$762 a year on vehicle repairs related to damage caused by the roads. SB 1 will be funded primarily through an increase in the gas tax, which has not been raised since 1993, and a new transportation improvement fee which for 60% of Californians will cost \$25 per year. The cost for the average person will be about \$10 per month, meaning that SB 1 will save an average of \$550 per year per person.

"We know it is never easy to vote to raise taxes, so we heartily thank the members of the Legislature who cast their votes in favor of SB 1," said Dickinson, "Their action will save Californians both money and aggravation for years to come."

Transportation California is a non-profit coalition of contractors, allied labor, material providers, and business affiliates which have joined together to support a strong, balanced, and effective transportation system for California.

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