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**SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE LOCAL STREETS AND ROADS NEEDS
ASSESSMENT 2010 UPDATE**

Dear Mr. Boren,:

As you may know, a Statewide Needs Assessment Report was recently completed, which identified a funding shortfall of over \$70 billion for the State's local streets and roads pavement and non-pavement needs. This information was very helpful in assisting us in protecting the Highway User Tax Account (HUTA) and Prop. 42 funds in 2009-10 (a copy of the final report is available at www.SaveCaliforniaStreets.org).

Transportation funding for cities and counties is still at risk in the current budget discussions between the Governor and State Legislature. We need to be vigilant and continue to make it clear to the Governor and State Legislators of the critical funding shortfall for Cities and Counties, and that there are detrimental consequences to deferring or reducing transportation funds. An ongoing effort should be made to update the local streets and roads needs on a regular, consistent basis, much like the state does in preparing the State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP).

As such, to assist cities and counties in communicating these needs to policy makers and to secure sufficient funding, we are moving forward to update the 2008 pavement condition data. Nichols Consulting Engineers, Chtd. (NCE), will assist us in performing the 2010 update of the Statewide Needs Assessment.

As our first step, letters have been sent to all cities and counties, addressed to the Public Works Directors, City/County Engineers, pavement engineers, as well as the Finance Directors for help in filling out the survey.

We would like to get your assistance in encouraging your member jurisdictions to respond to this survey. Please ask them to fill out the online survey at www.SaveCaliforniaStreets.org. We have included the survey instructions for filling out the survey at the end of this letter for your information. Also enclosed is a list of agencies who did not respond to the 2008 survey in case you need more specific information on your jurisdictions.

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Specific information we are collecting in the survey to help determine the statewide needs include:

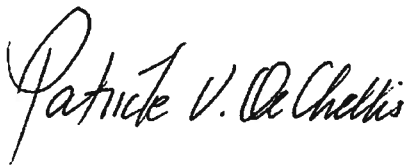
- Agency's contact information for both the technical as well as funding/financial projections.
- Technical data on pavements, safety, regulatory, and traffic needs (usually available from a pavement management plan or GASB34 report).
- Revenue/expenditure projections.

Our long term goal is to involve your organization/agency in the collection of this data every two years. We believe that to be successful in communicating the needs of local streets and roads in California, we need to have your active involvement. In the near future, we will be contacting you to determine the best approach to accomplish this for your region.

Our target date to obtain this data from the local agencies is no later than April 15, 2010. Whatever assistance you provide in helping us meet that date would greatly be appreciated. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (626) 458-4004 or pdechellis@dpw.lacounty.gov, or Ms. Margot Yapp from NCE at (510) 215-3620 or at myapp@nce.reno.nv.us.

We appreciate your help in providing this information.

Very truly yours,



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Enclosures: Fact Sheet
Instructions for Online Survey
List of Agencies Who Did Not Respond to 2008 Survey

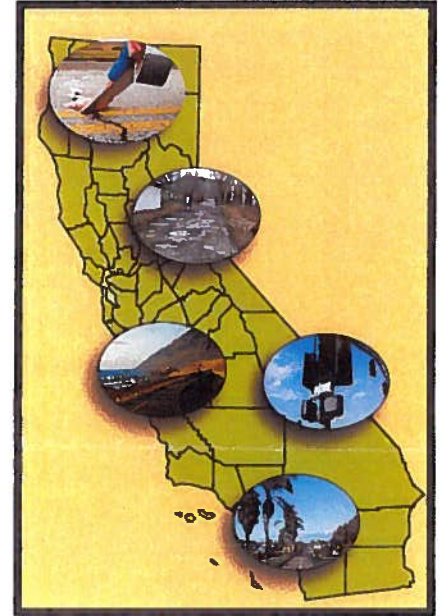


Why are we updating the 2008 study?

Transportation funding for Cities and Counties are still at risk.

The 2008 statewide needs study identified a funding shortfall of over \$70 billion for local streets and roads (the final report is available on the www.SaveCaliforniaStreets.org website). This information was used to help protect gas tax and Proposition 42 funds in FY 2009/10.

However, the current budget discussions between the Governor and the Legislature make it clear that the prospect of having our already insufficient local road funds reallocated to address the state's budget woes is a very real concern. This update will help us once again with our efforts to protect our transportation funds.



Why is this update important?

Performing a needs assessment biennially is important to provide updated information to maintain and obtain transportation funding, similar to what Caltrans does. Hopefully, the information from this study will embed into the decision makers minds the importance of maintaining sufficient transportation funding for local streets and roads. Additionally, we need to make it clear what the detrimental consequences are for deferring or reducing local street and road funds. This study is the only comprehensive and systematic statewide approach to quantify local streets and roads needs.

How can Cities and Counties help?

Your help in 2008 made a difference, and we need your input again!

Please go to www.SaveCaliforniaStreets.org and login to our online survey to provide updates in the following categories:

- Contact Person from your Agency
- Recent Pavement condition data
- Safety, traffic, and regulatory data
- Funding/expenditure projections

There are a few new items that were not included in the 2008 survey such as the breakdown between urban and rural roads that have been added to the survey and need your input. We are anxious to begin the study so please provide us with the contact person who is responsible for both the technical and funding information in your agency. We will be in touch with them soon to obtain this information. The deadline for responding to this survey is April 15th, 2010.

Who is sponsoring this project?

Many cities and counties contributed funding to this study. The agencies listed below have accepted the leadership responsibility for completing this study on behalf of the cities and counties in California.

- 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 Oversight Committee is composed of representatives from each organization, with the County of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works acting as the Project Manager.

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