

TO: James L. App, City Manager
FROM: Dick McKinley, Public Works Director
SUBJECT: Senate Transportation Funding Proposal
DATE: August 4, 2015

NEEDS: For the City Council to consider endorsing the Senate Transportation Funding Proposal.

FACTS:

1. The State of California estimates that the average pavement condition rating in the state is 66 out of 100. The pavement condition rating in Paso Robles is about 60 out of 100. The Governor's June proclamation for an Extraordinary Session on Transportation and Infrastructure called on the Legislature to consider, "...permanent and stable funding to adequately and responsibly maintain and repair the state's transportation and infrastructure."
2. Paso Robles voters approved a supplemental sales tax to help pay for road rehabilitation, and about \$4 million per year in projects are expected to be completed in the next three years. The Paso Robles City Council recently voted to use \$1.4 million in one-time funding to make additional road repairs, including slurry sealing about 100 blocks of residential streets.
3. The Senate Transportation Funding Proposal would provide an estimated \$1,394,009 in additional funding to Paso Robles for road repairs and maintenance. Paso Robles has significant unfunded need for slurry seal, chip seal, and overlay work on most roadway sections.

ANALYSIS & CONCLUSION: Additional road repair and maintenance funding is needed in Paso Robles, and in many other California cities. The Senate Transportation Funding Proposal would provide funding for both State highways and for local streets and roads. Endorsing the funding proposal may help to have it adopted by the State.

POLICY REFERENCE: Proposed SB 16.

FISCAL IMPACT: This would potentially bring funding to Paso Robles for street and road repair and maintenance at no cost to the City.

OPTIONS: After consideration of all public testimony, that the City Council:

1. Adopt the Resolution supporting the Senate Transportation Funding Proposal, and authorize the Mayor to send a letter transmitting the Resolution.
2. Amend, modify, or reject the above option.

Attachments:
1) Resolution
2) Draft letter endorsing Senate Transportation Funding Proposal

RESOLUTION NO. 15-XXXX

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASO ROBLES
ENDORING THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION FUNDING PROPOSAL

WHEREAS, Paso Robles streets have a pavement condition rating of about 60 out of 100, and.

WHEREAS, The voters of Paso Robles adopted a supplemental sales tax that is being used for roadway rehabilitation, and

WHEREAS, The City of Paso Robles does not have adequate funding to properly repair and maintain its 150 miles of streets and roads, and

WHEREAS, The Senate Transportation Funding Proposal would provide about \$1,394,009 per year in additional funding to meet those transportation repair and maintenance,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Paso Robles does hereby endorse the Senate Transportation Funding Proposal.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Paso Robles this 4th day of August 2015 by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

Steve Martin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kristen L. Buxkemper, City Clerk



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RE: City of El Paso De Robles Supports Senate Transportation Funding Proposal

The City of Paso Robles adopted the attached Resolution on August 4, 2015, endorsing the Senate Transportation Funding Proposal. This temporary five year funding proposal is estimated to generate between \$2.8 and \$3.6 billion annually for the statewide transportation system. These funds would only be directed to maintenance and preservation purposes. Local streets and roads would receive a significant portion of these revenues. The City of El Paso De Robles would receive an estimated \$1,394,009 annually from this funding source. Currently, local agencies receive less than half of the revenues needed to maintain the local system.

The City of El Paso De Robles urges Legislators and Gov. Jerry Brown to enact the Senate Transportation Funding Proposal. Paso Roble's streets are in a precarious position with a pavement condition of about 60 out of 100. The voters of Paso Robles have enacted a supplemental sales tax to show their commitment to roadway rehabilitation, but that amount is not enough to meet the needs of the community. If this plan goes through, we will be able to immediately move forward and complete several road repair and reconstruction projects that are desperately needed.

Please feel free to contact me or City staff if you have any questions or need additional public testimony.

Sincerely,

Mayor Steve Martin

Attached
Resolution



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City Contact: Dick McKinley, Public Works Director

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

City of El Paso De Robles Supports Senate Transportation Funding Proposal - Projects Ready To Go If Approved

Paso Robles - A proposal announced on April 15 in Sacramento by Sen. Jim Beall, Jr. would bring much needed revenues to every city in California to help pay for backlogged maintenance of roads. Today the City of El Paso De Robles announced support of the proposal, which is a temporary five year funding source that is estimated to generate between \$2.8 and \$3.6 billion annually for the statewide transportation system. These funds would only be directed to maintenance and preservation purposes. Local streets and roads would receive a significant portion of these revenues. The City of El Paso De Robles would receive \$1,394,009 annually from this funding source.

The City of El Paso De Robles adopted a Resolution (attached) supporting this proposal and has long advocated for new investments in the aging local street and road system. Mayor Steve Martin urged legislators and Gov. Jerry Brown to enact it. "California can't afford to delay funding of our roadways. Our people depend on this system and our economy won't continue to grow without preserving this vital infrastructure. Paso Robles's streets are in a precarious position with a pavement condition of 60. If this plan goes through, we will be able to immediately move forward and complete several road repair and reconstruction projects that are desperately needed."

California's local streets and roads are literally facing the tipping point. [Pavement conditions](#), according to the [2014 Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment](#), are at 66 out of 100. The cost of repairing roads that slip any lower grows exponentially and transportation experts have been warning that without immediate investments, the system will literally crumble beneath our feet. Currently, local agencies receive less than half of the revenues needed to maintain the local system.

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