



MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA CITY OF LONG BEACH

March 23, 2017

The Honorable Jim Beall
Chair, Senate Committee on Transportation and Housing
California State Capitol, Room 2209
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Jim Frazier
Chair, Assembly Committee on Transportation
California State Capitol, Room 3091
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support for SB 1 (Beall) and AB 1 (Frazier) – Statewide Transportation Infrastructure Funding

Dear Chairman Beall and Chairman Frazier:

As Mayor of the City of Long Beach, I write in strong support of SB 1/AB 1. California's streets, roads, and highways desperately need a stable and sustainable source of State funding to ensure that this infrastructure can be rehabilitated and maintained into the future. SB 1/AB 1 propose modest revenue increases, coupled with investments from existing revenue streams, and sensible reforms for California.

While gas tax revenues have slowly, but steadily, declined over the years, the need for maintaining California's transportation infrastructure has remained. In fact, in Long Beach, voters have made it apparent that investments to State and local infrastructure are long overdue. The Long Beach electorate voted to adopt a new 1% local sales tax in June 2016 to fund improvements to transportation, parks, and public safety; adoption of SB 1/AB 1 would be consistent with this interest.

Long Beach has 177 miles of major roads and 609 miles of local roads that support our economy. On average, this infrastructure can be rated as "fair," and at the optimum point for repair. While the City has committed local funding to an aggressive infrastructure investment plan, State funding is needed to maximize the benefits. Now is the time for California to adopt a robust transportation investment package that provides equal funding to cities and the State, for improvements to local streets and roads, and State highways, respectively.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach is proud to support SB 1/AB 1. Thank you for all you have done to make transportation infrastructure a priority for California and our cities.

Sincerely,

Mayor Robert Garcia
City of Long Beach

cc: The Honorable Speaker Anthony Rendon, State Assembly
The Honorable Steven Bradford, State Senate, 35th District
The Honorable Ricardo Lara, State Senate, 33rd District
The Honorable Janet Nguyen, State Senate, 34th District
The Honorable Mike Gipson, State Assembly, 64th District
The Honorable Patrick O'Donnell, State Assembly, 70th District