



September 9, 2015

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
Governor, State of California
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The Honorable Kevin de León
State Senate President pro Tempore
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The Honorable Toni Atkins
Speaker of the California State Assembly
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Re: State Special Legislative Session on Infrastructure

Dear Governor Brown, President pro Tem de León, and Speaker Atkins

As mayors of California's largest cities, we write to thank you for your commitment to improving the state's most pressing infrastructure needs and to urge a bipartisan solution that ensures increased investment in our local streets and roads.

As the State Legislature convenes for its Special Session on infrastructure improvement, we urge the development of a solution that incorporates proposals from both parties and prioritizes increased investment in local streets and roads. Specifically we recommend that the state adopt the following:

First, at least half of all new investment in transportation infrastructure be allocated directly to local governments and that local governments be given the flexibility to determine the best use of those funds for transportation infrastructure improvements in their localities.

Second, any new funding is constitutionally protected to ensure that it is spent on transportation projects.

Third, vital road repair and maintenance projects on existing right of ways should be exempted from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to ensure their timely completion while still protecting the environment.

Fourth, public private partnerships are expanded to help local governments complete projects on time and on budget.

Fifth, a portion of this year's unallocated Cap-and-Trade funds are directed towards improving our local streets and roads.

The work you are doing to improve investment in California's streets and roads is crucial to the economic and environmental health of our state. We are confident that a compromise with these provisions will lead to much needed enhancements and increased investment in our transportation networks.

Thank you again for your work on this important issue.

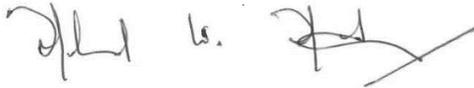
Sincerely,



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