



March 24, 2017

The Honorable Jim Beall
Chair, Senate Transportation Committee
California State Capitol, Room 2082
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SUPPORT— SB 1 (Beall) Transportation Funding

Dear Senator Beall,

The Santa Rosa Metro Chamber is pleased to support SB 1, which would provide approximately \$6 billion in increased annual transportation investment. This proposal presents an opportunity for the new legislature to advance a comprehensive framework to address the overwhelming backlog of repair and deferred maintenance as well as other transportation needs in the early part of 2017.

It would be an understatement to say the time to act is now to address the \$73 billion unmet funding need for local streets and roads and \$72 billion backlog to the State's Highway System. With the expressed commitment of Legislative Leadership and this Administration to getting this done in the early parts of 2017, we urge this legislature's immediate attention to this proposal as the vehicle to deliver this victory for California.

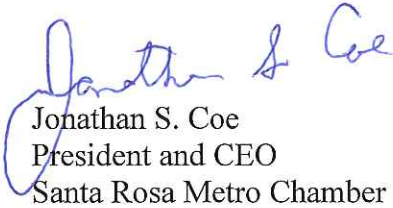
Santa Rosa has significant needs when it comes to maintaining our local roads system. These funds will go a long way in addressing potholes on local streets throughout the city.

This proposal provides a comprehensive transportation reform and funding package that picks up where we left off at the end of the special session, while giving this legislature an opportunity for early action. While the legislature has had success in recent years in balancing the state budget, we can no longer afford to ignore our most basic repair and maintenance needs if we wish to avoid systematic failure of the state's entire transportation infrastructure. There may be no better way to put Californians back to work and stimulate our economy than making the roads we and our children rely on everyday safe again.

For these reasons, the Santa Rosa Metro Chamber strongly supports increased funding for transportation and SB 1 (Beall) as a means for providing that funding.



Sincerely,


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