



April 2, 2012

SUBJECT: 2012 CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE LOCAL STREETS AND ROADS NEEDS ASSESSMENT

To Whom It May Concern:

Your help in responding to our survey in 2010 made a difference! We are asking for your help again in updating the information you provided two years ago.

As you may know, the Fiscal Year 2010-11 Statewide Needs Assessment Report identified a funding shortfall of over \$79 billion for local streets and roads pavement and non-pavement needs. The report assisted CSAC and League staff to advocate against, and avoid what could have been devastating cuts to local transportation funding, over several state budget cycles (a copy of the final report is available at www.SaveCaliforniaStreets.org).

In addition to deterring negative policies and budget decisions, we will be using the findings of this assessment to emphasize the importance of *increasing* funding for maintenance of our local streets and roads. Towards this goal, this year's needs assessment will include the development of a marketing plan to help us better communicate the findings to legislators and the public.

As in the past, this project is being funded through contributions from stakeholders. Regional Transportation Planning Agencies have been asked to sponsor fifty percent of the cost of the 2012 assessment and the update in 2014, with cities and counties sharing equally in the remaining cost. It is essential that each agency contribute toward this project in order to demonstrate how critical this issue is to sustaining our state's transportation infrastructure.

An ongoing effort is needed 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). Nichols Consulting Engineers, Chtd. (NCE), will assist us in performing the 2012 update of the Statewide Needs Assessment.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

We need your immediate assistance on the following items:

1. To ensure a widespread dissemination of this request, this letter has been sent to the City Manager/County Administrative Officer, Public Works Director, City/County Engineer, and Finance Director. We recognize that the data may come from multiple sources, so we ask your agency to coordinate among yourselves to ensure that the most recent and accurate information is entered. Please provide NCE with your agency's contact information if you

are not the appropriate contact. This person(s) should be able to provide all the information requested in the survey. We need information on two main areas:

- a. Technical - pavement and safety, regulatory and traffic needs.
 - b. Financial - projected funding revenues/expenditures.
2. Fill out the online survey at www.SaveCaliforniaStreets.org. Instructions for filling out the survey are enclosed. Your agency's login and password are:

Login: Password:

It is essential that we have this data no later than May 15, 2012. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact:

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We appreciate your help in providing this information.

Very truly yours,



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Why are we updating the 2010 study?

Transportation funding for Cities and Counties are still at risk.

The 2010 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 funds in FY 2010/11.

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. An additional goal for this assessment is to promote the augmentation of funding for local street and road maintenance.



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 2010 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 2010 survey (such as complete streets and bridges) 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 May 15th, 2012.



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)
- Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC)
- California Rural Counties Task Force (RCTF)

The Oversight Committee is composed of representatives from each organization, with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission acting as the Project Manager. Nichols Consulting Engineers, Chtd. (NCE) is the consultant who will be performing the update.

Who should I contact for more information?

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Instructions for Online Survey

Step 1. Go to <http://www.savecaliforniastreet.org>. Click on the button that says “Click here to participate”.



Step 2. On the login page, select the name of your agency from the dropdown list. If you responded to the 2010 survey, the information you entered at that time will be shown so that you can update it. You will need your agency's login and password which was mailed to you. If you do not have this information, please contact Melissa Holzapfel at (510) 215-3620 or at mholzapfel@ncenet.com.

The image shows the login page for the Statewide Needs Assessment Survey. The page has a light green header with the text "Welcome to the Statewide Needs Assessment Survey". Below the header, there is a message: "Thank you for participating in this study! Your responses are very much appreciated." followed by a "Confidentiality Statement" which states that information submitted may be made available to the Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) upon request. Below the statement, it says "To log in, please select your agency from the list and enter the password below." There is a section titled "Your Agency" with a dropdown menu labeled "Your Agency: (Please select)" and a password field labeled "Password:". A "Log In" button is located below the fields. At the bottom of the page, there is a link to "Contact Us" and a copyright notice: "© 2012 California Statewide Needs Assessment Project".

Step 3. Enter your name, then click “Next” to the main survey page.

Step 4. There are six (6) parts in this survey (see image below). Click on each button to enter the relevant information.

Step 5. Once data entry is complete, you can view and print your entry by clicking on the “Print a copy for your records” button. If there are no more changes, select “Yes” on the “Are you ready to submit the survey as final?” question.

Step 6. Click on “Logout” button when done.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
PARTICIPATION!**