



Why is this study important?

This is a statewide study that will answer the following questions:

- What is the condition of California's system of local streets and roads and essential components?
- What will it cost to bring them up to a Best Management Practices condition, which is most cost effective to maintain?
- Considering existing revenues, is there a funding shortfall? If so, what is it?

Why was this study needed?

There is no comprehensive and systematic statewide approach to quantify local streets and roads needs. Many jurisdictions find that the maintenance backlog is so severe that they fear we are losing the public's investment in this critical component to the State's transportation system. Cities and counties own and operate 81% of the State's publicly maintained mileage and desperately need a sufficient and stable funding source to save this system.

Who is sponsoring this project?

Many cities and counties contributed funding to this study. The agencies listed below have accepted the leadership responsibility of 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)
- California Rural Counties Task Force (RCTF)

The Assessment Oversight Committee is composed of representatives from each organization, with the County of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works, acting as the Project Manager.

How can this information be used?

The results may be used to educate policy makers regarding funding needs for the local transportation system. While this information exists for the federal and state systems, this study completes the unmet needs picture for the overall highway and road system for the State of California. Also, the intent is to continue regular updates of this information within the long-range regional transportation plans to assist in determining funding needs and inform cost effective investment decisions.

The results have been shared with the Department of Transportation, California Transportation Commission, legislative leaders in transportation policy areas, the Legislative Analyst Office, and other state leaders as part of a plan to secure infrastructure funding for cities and counties to protect this important component of the State's transportation system.

Who performed this study?

Nichols Consulting Engineers, Chtd. was selected to perform this study. The Project Manager is Mr. Pat DeChellis, Deputy Public Works Director for Los Angeles County.

Where can I get a copy of the full report?

You can download the report at www.savecaliforniastreet.org. Printed copies will be made available for purchase in January 2010.

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