**A RESOLUTION URGING THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO PROVIDE NEW SUSTAINABLE FUNDING FOR TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE AND SUPPORTING THE Findings of the 2016 CALIFORNIA STATEwide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment UPDATE**

**WHEREAS**, cities and counties own and operate more than 81 percent of streets and roads in California, and from the moment we open our front door to drive to work, bike to school, or walk to the bus station, people are dependent upon a safe, reliable local transportation network; and

**WHEREAS**, the results of the 2016 California Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment, which provides critical analysis and information on the local transportation network’s condition and funding needs, indicate that the condition of the local transportation network is deteriorating as predicted in the initial 2008 study; and

**WHEREAS,** the results show that California’s local streets and roads are on a path of significant decline. On a scale of zero (failed) to 100 (excellent), the statewide average pavement condition index (PCI) is 65, placing it in the “at risk” category; and

**WHEREAS,** if current funding remains the same, in 10 years, nearly a quarter of local streets and roads in California will be in “failed” condition; and

**WHEREAS,** cities and counties need an additional $1.52 billion just to maintain a status quo pavement condition of 65, and much more to bring the system into Best Management Practices; and

**WHEREAS,** if additional funding isn’t secured now, it will cost taxpayers nearly twice as much to fix the local system in the future; and

**WHEREAS,** modernizing the local street and road system provides well-paying construction jobs and boosts local economies; and

**WHEREAS,** the local street and road system is also critical for farm to market needs, interconnectivity, multimodal needs, and commerce; and

**WHEREAS**, police, fire, and emergency medical services all need safe reliable roads to react quickly to emergency calls and a few minutes of delay can be a matter of life and death; and

**WHEREAS**,maintaining and preserving the local street and road system in good condition will reduce drive times and traffic congestion, improve bicycle safety, and make the pedestrian experience safer and more appealing, which leads to reduce vehicle emissions helping the State achieve its air quality and greenhouse gas emissions reductions goals; and

**WHEREAS,** restoring roads before they fail also reduces construction time which results in less air pollution from heavy equipment and less water pollution from site run-off; and

**WHEREAS,** in order to bring the local system back into a cost-effective condition, thereby preserving the public’s $168 billion pavement investment and stopping further costly deterioration, at least $7.3 billion annually in new money going directly to cities and counties over a period of ten years is needed to stop the further decline and deterioration of our streets, roads and bridges; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL/BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CITY/COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** supports the findings of the 2016 California Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment Update; and

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that the CITY/COUNTY strongly urges the Governor and Legislature to work together in a bipartisan manner to identify new, robust, and stable funding for local street and road maintenance and rehabilitation to ensure the safe and efficient mobility of the traveling public and the economic vitality of California.

**ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2016.