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California's Local Streets and Roads and State Highway System Need Investment Says Fix Our Roads Coalition in *Sacramento Bee* Op-ed

["Roads fix must put real dent in repair backlog"](#) reads the headline of an op-ed in today's *Sacramento Bee* penned by the executive directors of the three organizations that founded the [Fix Our Roads Coalition](#). The op-ed clearly outlines the massive funding backlog that plagues the state's streets, roads, bridges and highways and how a real solution must rely on equal investment in the state and local system.

California's network of roads and highways are deteriorating rapidly. In fact, California has the second highest share of roads in "poor condition" nationally and 58 percent of state roads need rehabilitation or pavement maintenance. Our state is also home to four of the five cities ranked with the worst road conditions in the nation. California local streets and roads face a \$78 billion shortfall in deferred maintenance, \$7.8 billion annually. CalTrans faces a \$59 billion backlog in deferred maintenance and \$5.7 billion annual shortfall in the State Highway Operation and Protection Program.

The Fix Our Roads Coalition believes that a legislative solution should be reached during the special session that results in a robust and meaningful dent in California's transportation funding shortfall. This critical issue must be addressed immediately with the state's road system continuing to deteriorate as inadequate funding to deal with deficiencies creates safety hazards, costs motorists time and money, and leaves California stuck in gridlock.

Additional information and a complete list of coalition members can be found at www.FixCARoads.com.