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## **Special Session Ends with No Deal on Transportation, Governor and Legislature Commit to Pursuing Next Year**

Late Tuesday, Gov. Jerry Brown and the Legislature issued a letter to transportation funding advocates confirming that there will be no deal on a comprehensive transportation reform and funding package in the closing weeks of the special session. After a year and a half of negotiations, the Legislature was unable to secure the support it needed to strike a deal to provide desperately needed funding for the state and local transportation network.

In their letter to stakeholders, the Governor, Assembly Speaker, and Senate President pro Tempore provide reassurance of their commitment to addressing this issue early in the new year.

*“Thank you for your work and advocacy on behalf of the people of California to fix our roads. While there will not be a lame-duck session of the Legislature to approve a transportation funding deal in 2016, our work on this critical issue continues.*

*The Administration, Assembly and Senate are all committed to tackling this issue early in the new year to address our critical infrastructure and transportation needs – and we’ll need your continued support.”*

*Let’s get it done!”*

Earlier this month, leadership representing the League’s divisions, departments, policy committees, diversity groups and board of directors again adopted funding for transportation infrastructure as a 2017 strategic goal. The League will continue to work with the commitments from the Governor and Legislature to advocate for funding to help close the \$73 billion unmet funding need for local streets and roads.