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Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, Riverside Mayor Rusty Baily and Los Angeles Council Member Joe Busciano Join Other Local Government Leaders and Representatives from Business and Labor to Urge Passage of Transportation Funding Package

Resounding Message was “Fix our roads”

At the tail end of Monday morning’s commute, local government, state government, labor and business leaders came together on a busy street in Los Angeles for a [press conference](#) to drive the message home that California needs a transportation funding deal. April 6 is the deadline set by Gov. Jerry Brown, Senate President pro Tem Kevin de León (D-Los Angeles) and Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon (D-South Gate) to pass a transportation funding package.

This past winter 2017 showed once again how desperate California’s transportation infrastructure needs are as roads crumbled under the weight of heavy rains, mudslides and falling trees. The message came loud and clear that infrastructure must be regularly maintained to prevent small problems from becoming larger and more expensive to fix. For far too long, California has neglected regular road maintenance and upkeep and the [Fix Our Roads](#) Coalition has been holding media events to talk with reporters about the dire status of local streets and roads.

The Fix Our Roads Coalition did a [live stream](#) of the event on Facebook.

The coalition, of which the League of California Cities® is a founding member, supports a transportation funding package that would raise at least \$6 billion annually. That is what is needed to begin to make a dent in the enormous backlog of transportation maintenance and improvement projects. At the same time, Fix Our Roads is also recommending accountability provisions to give taxpayers confidence that new revenues will be spent on transportation projects only. Sen. Jim Beall’s (D-San José) SB 1 and AB 1, a companion measure by Assembly Member Jim Frazier (D-Oakley), are both supported by Fix Our Roads.

Monday’s speakers included:

- Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti;
- California State Transportation Agency Secretary Brian Kelly;
- Los Angeles City Council Member Joe Buscaino;
- Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis;
- Riverside Mayor Rusty Bailey;
- Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce Board Chair Steve Nissen;
- Los Angeles Department of Public Works Board President Kevin James; and
- Southern California District Council of Laborers Business Manager Armando Esparza.