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Momentum Builds for Final Passage of Transportation Funding Package *Call Your Legislator Today and Urge them to Support SB 1*

Gov. Jerry Brown, legislative leaders and stakeholders representing, local government, labor, business, construction and other groups rallied this morning on the Capitol steps as momentum builds for a final push to support the pending transportation funding package for the expected legislative floor votes Thursday.

In the last 24 hours before tomorrow's vote, the Fix Our Roads Coalition is calling on transportation stakeholders and California residents to call their legislators and urge them to support transportation funding. The coalition's [action center](#) makes it easy to immediately contact legislators on [SB 1 \(Beall\)](#), the Road Repair and Accountability Act.

Wednesday's rally followed a series of press conferences held throughout California in recent weeks where reporters heard first hand from local officials, state leaders and a broad coalition of transportation advocates about how SB 1 will help turn the tide on the crumbling road system. April 6 is the deadline set by the Governor and legislative leaders to pass a transportation funding package.

Sacramento Mayor Darrell Steinberg and Walnut Creek City Council Member Cindy Silva spoke on behalf of cities. Council Member Silva drove home the message that supporting SB 1 is a California issue, stating "Potholes are not partisan."

Governor Brown was the last speaker in a long lineup of legislative leaders, local officials and labor representatives. His support of SB 1 comes from decades of experience as both a Governor and a mayor. The rally ended with his call to "Let's do one more thing and invest in our roads."

Yesterday the Governor, Senate President pro Tem Kevin de León (D-Los Angeles), Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon (D-Lakewood) and the chairs of their respective houses' transportation committees, Sen. Jim Beall (D-San Jose) and Assembly Member Jim Frazier (D-Oakley) traveled to Riverside.

The event in Riverside followed SB 1 hearings in the Capitol on Monday. Governor Brown and California State Transportation Agency Secretary Brian Kelly testified in both the Senate and Assembly in strong support of Sen. Jim Beall's comprehensive transportation funding package. SB 1 cleared its final committee hurdle the morning of April 3, passing out of the Senate Appropriations Committee on a 5-2 vote.

The Assembly Transportation Committee held a SB 1 information hearing focusing on the additional \$5.2 billion that the measure will annually generate for California's local and state transportation network. Legislators in the hearing also discussed a constitutional amendment protecting new revenues generated through SB 1. The constitutional protection vehicle will either be in SCA 2 (Newman) or ACA 5 (Frazier). These measures are supported by the [Fix Our Roads Coalition](#), of which the League is a founding member.

Governor Brown and Secretary Kelly testified on the urgency of passing SB 1 to fix California's crumbling roads and highways. Speaking to both the Senate and Assembly, Governor Brown discussed how current funding levels are causing a \$59 billion shortfall in maintenance funds for the state highways and a \$78 billion dollar deficit for maintenance of local streets and roads. They stressed if the roads are not properly maintained the problems will only get worse. By passing SB

1, Governor Brown hopes to increase funding levels to stop of the deterioration of roads and begin to repair them through a “fix it first” approach.

The League hosted a webinar on Monday April 3 to brief members on SB 1. The webinar outlined the new revenues and allocations, the restoration and stabilization of Proposition 42 replacement revenues (Gas Tax Swap), the reforms and accountability provisions, the expected schedule of legislative hearing and votes, and what cities can do to help.

The League has created an updated [analysis](#) of SB 1 with its most recent amendments, along with an updated [support memo and city sample letter](#).

The California Transportation Agency released an updated [funding analysis](#) broken down by city.

City officials are encouraged to lobby their legislators to support this comprehensive funding package which includes provisions that will essentially double the amount of funding cities currently receive to maintain their streets and roads.