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SUBJECT: 2016 CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE LOCAL STREETS AND ROADS NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Dear XXX:

Your help in responding to our survey in 2014 made a difference! We are asking for your help again in updating the information you provided two years ago.

Since 2008, the California Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment Report has been invaluable to the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) and the League of California Cities (League) on a number of transportation efforts at both the state and federal level. We have used the findings to educate elected officials, policy- and decision-makers, and the public about the condition of the local transportation network and the funding needed to bring the system into a state of good repair. CSAC and the League have also used the findings to advocate against, and ultimately avoid, what could have been devastating cuts to local transportation funding over several state budget cycles (the 2014 report is available at www.SaveCaliforniaStreets.org).

In addition to deterring negative policies and budget decisions, CSAC and the League have used the findings in proactive efforts including SB 375 implementation, seeking revenues for Cap and Trade funding, and other sustainable transportation efforts. Another positive outcome was the special legislative session on transportation last summer. Although no final solution has yet been proposed, it is promising to see the visibility that transportation has achieved in recent years.

In 2017-18, we will continue to use the findings of the 2016 assessment to emphasize the importance of *increasing* funding for maintenance of our local streets and roads.

As in the past, this project is being funded through contributions from stakeholders. Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPAs) have provided half the cost, with cities and counties sharing equally in the remaining cost. It is essential that each agency contribute toward this study in order to demonstrate how critical this issue is to sustaining our state's transportation infrastructure.

An ongoing effort is needed to update the local streets and roads needs on a regular, consistent basis, much like the State does in preparing the State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP). NCE will assist us in performing the 2016 update of the Statewide Needs Assessment.

YOU CAN CONTINUE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

We need your immediate assistance on the following items:

1. To ensure a widespread dissemination of this request, this letter has been sent to the City Manager/County Administrative Officer, Public Works Director, City/County Engineer, and Finance Director. We recognize that the data may come from multiple sources, so we ask

your agency to coordinate among yourselves to ensure that the most recent and accurate information is entered. Please provide NCE with your agency's contact information if you are not the appropriate contact. This person(s) should be able to provide all the information requested in the survey. We need information on two main areas:

- a. Technical – pavement, bridges and safety, regulatory and traffic needs.
 - b. Financial – projected funding revenues/expenditures.
2. Fill out the online survey at www.SaveCaliforniaStreets.org. Instructions for filling out the survey are enclosed. Your agency's login and password are:

Login: XXX Password: XXX

It is essential that we have this data no later than March 18th, 2016. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact:

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We appreciate your help in providing this information.

Sincerely,



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