

# MENDOCINO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

## BOARD of DIRECTORS

### RESOLUTION No. M2018-02

#### SUPPORTING PROPOSITION 69 AND OPPOSING REPEAL OF SENATE BILL 1, THE ROAD REPAIR AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2017

#### WHEREAS,

1. The Mendocino Council of Governments (MCOG) is the designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency for Mendocino County under state law; and
2. MCOG develops a regional transportation plan for identifying transportation needs and develops plans that will improve the future mobility for automobiles, transit, rail, freight, and pedestrians throughout the region;
3. MCOG is responsible the programming, oversight, and delivery for certain federal, state and local transportation funding programs within the region;
4. MCOG has since 1994 funded pavement condition surveys on a triennial basis that are reported statewide, and this assessment, as reported in the 2016 California Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment, indicates that the condition of the local transportation network is deteriorating;
5. Until the Legislature took action last year, cities and counties were facing a funding shortfall of \$73 billion over the next 10 years to repair and maintain in a good condition the local streets and roads system; and the State Highway System was facing a similar \$57 billion of deferred maintenance;
6. The State of California enacted Senate Bill 1 – The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 (SB 1) that went into effect on November 1, 2017, which enacted vehicle fees and a gas tax to provide the first significant, stable increase in state transportation funding in more than two decades;
7. SB 1 will raise approximately \$5.4 billion annually in long-term, dedicated transportation funding to rehabilitate and maintain local streets, roads, and highways, make critical, life-saving safety improvements, repair and replace aging bridges and culverts, reduce congestion and increase mobility options including bicycle and pedestrian facilities with the revenues split equally between state and local projects;
8. SB 1 will provide over \$1.6 million annually to the region for local streets for road maintenance, public transit, and local priority transportation projects;

9. SB 1 also provides opportunities for MCOG and/or member agencies to compete for additional funds to improve local streets and roads, expand multi-modal facilities, improve safety and operation of highways, build infrastructure to support trade and commerce, and expand bus transit;
10. SB1 has restored funding to the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and \$2.2 billion is now available for new road, bridge and transit projects over the next four years;
11. SB 1 provides critically-needed funding in Mendocino County that will be used for:
  - Maintenance and rehabilitation of local streets and roads
  - Active Transportation improvements
  - Traffic signal construction
  - Streetscape improvements
  - Lane reduction/Complete Streets improvements
  - Arterial road/State highway interchange improvements
  - State highway pedestrian improvements;
12. SB 1 also provides funding opportunities to support sustainable planning projects;
13. SB 1 contains strong accountability and transparency provisions to ensure the public knows how their tax dollars are being invested and the corresponding benefits to their community including annual project lists that identify planned investments and annual expenditure reports that detail multi-year and completed projects;
14. SB 1 requires the State to cut bureaucratic redundancies and red tape to ensure transportation funds are spent efficiently and effectively, and establishes the independent office of Transportation Inspector General to perform audits, improve efficiency and increase transparency;
15. These transportation revenues should be constitutionally protected to ensure funds are used only for transportation purposes;
16. Proposition 69 on the June 2018 ballot, if approved, will prevent the State Legislature from diverting any new transportation revenues for non-transportation improvement purposes, thereby providing greater certainty and accountability for these revenues;
17. There is also a proposed ballot measure aimed for the November 2018 ballot (Attorney General #17-0033) that would repeal the new transportation revenues provided by SB 1 and make it more difficult to increase funding for state and local transportation improvements in the future; and
18. This proposed November proposition would divert transportation funding annually dedicated to MCOG, County of Mendocino, Mendocino Transit Authority, and the cities of Ukiah, Fort Bragg, Willits and Point Arena, and halt critical investments in future transportation improvement projects in our communities; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, THAT:

- That Mendocino Council of Governments hereby supports Proposition 69, the June 2018 constitutional amendment to prevent new transportation funds from being diverted for non-transportation purposes.
- The Mendocino Council of Governments hereby opposes the proposed November 2018 ballot proposition (Attorney General #17-0033) that would repeal the new transportation funds and make it more difficult to raise state and local transportation funds in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mendocino Council of Governments supports and can be listed as a member of the Coalition to Protect Local Transportation Improvements, a diverse coalition of local government, business, labor, transportation and other organizations throughout the state, in support of Proposition 69 and in opposition to the repeal of SB 1.

ADOPTION OF THIS RESOLUTION was moved by Director Scalmanini, seconded by Director Croskey, and approved on this 2nd day of April, 2018, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Directors Scalmanini, Stranske, Cimolino, Wasserman, Carter (Alt.), Croskey, and Jackman (PAC)  
NOES: None  
ABSTAINING: None  
ABSENT: Chair Gjerde

WHEREUPON, the acting Chairman declared the resolution adopted, AND SO ORDERED.

/s/

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ATTEST: Phillip J. Dow, Executive Director

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Michael Cimolino, Vice Chair