



City of Morgan Hill

Legislation Text

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CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

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RESOLUTION URGING THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO PROVIDE NEW SUSTAINABLE FUNDING FOR STATE AND LOCAL TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE

RECOMMENDATION(S)

Adopt resolution urging the State of California to provide new sustainable funding for state and local transportation infrastructure.

COUNCIL PRIORITIES, GOALS & STRATEGIES:

Ongoing Priorities

Enhancing public safety

Maintaining fiscal responsibility

2015 Focus Areas

Infrastructure Funding and Advocacy

Advance Regional Transportation

REPORT NARRATIVE:

The Board of Directors of the League of California Cities recently adopted a resolution to support transportation funding, specifically identifying seven priorities of particular importance. The resolution encourages the Governor and Legislature to include additional local transportation funding as part of the "Extraordinary Session on Transportation and Infrastructure" that has been called by the Governor.

The League is working with a broad coalition called "Fix Our Roads" to seek support for transportation funding and is advocating for a package of \$6 billion annually for at least ten years with the funding being split between State and local governments.

The City of Morgan Hill currently faces a road maintenance backlog of \$20.5M. In order to maintain our roadways in good condition (Pavement Condition Index of 75), the City would need to spend \$5.2M annually. However, we are only able to invest \$1.1M into our roadways at this time, thus leaving Morgan Hill a shortfall of \$4.1M per year. As a result, the City's road conditions will continue

to decline and the maintenance backlog will increase, thus, costing the City more to repair in the future.

Furthermore, the 6-month Monterey Road Complete Streets Pilot Project reinforced the need to provide additional north-south commuter vehicle capacity due to the increase in demand and less than adequate existing infrastructure. The extension of the Santa Teresa corridor to the west of Monterey and the widening of Interstate 101 to the east are both greatly needed to relieve the traffic congestion choke points our region is experiencing now and into the future.

Supporting this resolution is consistent with the Council's direction on August 5, 2015 to pursue the State's widening of Interstate 101. Attached is the resolution that cities are encouraged to adopt to assist with these efforts.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: **Not Applicable**

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS:

The City Council may choose not to support this advocacy for additional transportation funding.

PRIOR CITY COUNCIL AND COMMISSION ACTIONS:

On May 6, 2015 the City Council received notice of legislative correspondence in support Senate Bill 16, Transportation Funding, intended to address funding for deferred maintenance on local streets and state highways.

FISCAL AND RESOURCE IMPACT:

None with this action.

CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act):

Not a Project

LINKS/ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution