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January 19, 2017

The Honorable Jim Beall
Member, California Senate
State Capitol, Room 5066
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 1 (Beall) – Transportation Funding and Reform Package
As introduced on December 5, 2016
County of Riverside: SUPPORT

Dear  Senator Beall,

On behalf of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, I write in support of your Senate Bill 1, which would offer a comprehensive transportation funding package, including new revenues to maintain and improve local streets and roads and state highways, assurance that existing revenues meant for transportation projects are redirected to transportation purposes, and implementation of reforms to improve project delivery while protecting the environment. The County supports your efforts to invest in roads and highways, active transportation facilities, transit, and key freight corridors as a critical component to the economic well-being and quality of life in our region and in California.

Of the approximately \$2.4 billion in local streets and roads funds at full phase-in of SB 1, Riverside County stands to benefit by more than \$57 million, with an additional \$9 million in one-time loan repayment funds. (The County's pavement need over the next ten years, as identified in the latest Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment (2016), exceeds \$2 billion.) SB 1 includes the opportunity to fund projects for road maintenance and rehabilitation, safety projects, railroad grade separations, and complete street components, including active transportation, pedestrian, and bike safety projects and transit facilities, as well as drainage and stormwater capture projects built in conjunction with any other allowable project.

We are also pleased to see strong accountability measures and local project streamlining in SB 1. Expansion of the existing CEQA exemption currently available to small cities and counties for maintenance, rehabilitation, and safety projects in the existing right-of-way to all cities and counties is critical to ensuring our ability to deliver projects in an efficient manner.



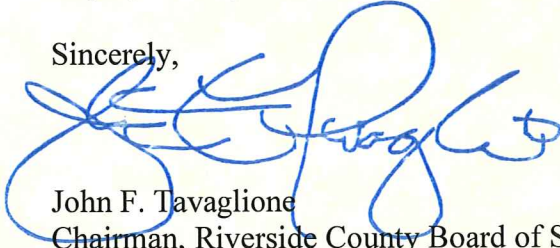
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Like our fellow California local governments, Riverside County recognizes the significant transportation infrastructure needs facing the state and understands the necessity of investing now to improve transportation facilities today and save taxpayer resources in the future. We look forward to a continued effort toward approval of a comprehensive transportation reform and funding package in the 2017 legislative session. If you have any questions about the County's position, please do not hesitate to contact Deputy County Executive Officer, Brian Nestande at (951) 955-1110 or bnestande@rceo.org.

Sincerely,



John F. Tavaglione
Chairman, Riverside County Board of Supervisors

**CC: Members and Consultants, Senate Transportation and Housing Committee
County of Riverside Delegation**