

RESOLUTION NO. 18-028

RESOLUTION OF THE MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO SUPPORT PROPOSITION 69 AND OPPOSE SENTATE BILL 1 REPEAL

WHEREAS, cities and counties own and operate more than 81 percent of streets and roads in California, and from the moment we open our front door to drive to work, bike to school, or walk to the bus station, people are dependent upon a safe, reliable local transportation network; and

WHEREAS, the 2016 California Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment, which provides critical analysis and information on the local transportation network's condition and funding needs, indicates that the condition of the local transportation network is deteriorating at an increasing rate; and

WHEREAS, cities and counties are 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 has \$57 million worth of deferred maintenance; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill (SB) 1 – the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 – 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; and

WHEREAS, SB 1 contains completely new funding category called “Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Act” (RMRA); and

WHEREAS, RMRA will provide \$100 million in critically-needed funding in Mendocino County to do corrective maintenance road work on 335 miles of our 1014 system - about a third of the total road system and half the surfaced roads (above and beyond routine maintenance) during the 18 year period starting in 2019 until 2037; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, SB 1 requires the State to cut bureaucratic redundancies and red tape to ensure transportation funds are spent efficiently and effectively, and also establishes the independent office of Transportation Inspector General to perform audits, improve efficiency and increase transparency; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 69 on the June 2018 ballot would add additional protections for taxpayers by preventing the State Legislature from diverting or raiding any new transportation revenues for non-transportation improvement purposes; and

WHEREAS, 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

WHEREAS, this proposed November proposition would raid \$5.5 million average annually dedicated RMRA to Mendocino County, and halt critical investments in future transportation improvement projects in our community; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Mendocino hereby supports Proposition 69, the June 2018 constitutional amendment to prevent new transportation funds from being diverted for non-transportation purposes; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Mendocino hereby opposes the proposed November 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; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors 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.

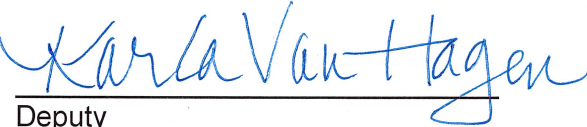
The foregoing Resolution introduced by Supervisor Brown, seconded by Supervisor Croskey, and carried this 27th day of February, 2018, by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Brown, McCowen, Croskey, Gjerde and Hamburg
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

WHEREUPON, the Chair declared said Resolution adopted and SO ORDERED.

ATTEST: CARMEL J. ANGELO
Clerk of the Board


DAN HAMBURG, Chair
Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

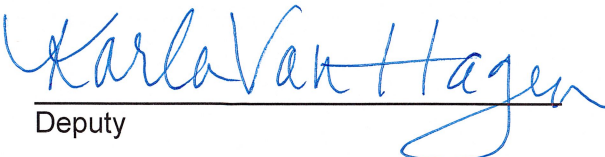

Deputy

I hereby certify that according to the provisions of Government Code Section 25103, delivery of this document has been made.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
KATHARINE L. ELLIOTT
County Counsel

BY: CARMEL J. ANGELO
Clerk of the Board




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