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Honorable Jim Frazier
Member, California State Assembly
State Capitol
P.O. Box 942849
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RE: **AB 1591 (Frazier) Transportation Funding – NOTICE OF SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly Member Frazier:

The Cities Association of Santa Clara County is pleased to support AB 1591 (Frazier), which would provide much needed funding to the state and local roadway system to address the overwhelming backlog of preservation and maintenance.

The Cities Association is a collaboration of the 15 cities in Santa Clara County and advocates on behalf of the cities to improve the quality of life for the people of our county. For the past few years, transportation was adopted as a priority for the Cities Association. Our local streets and roads we all rely on are literally crumbling beneath our feet. The conditions are getting so bad that if California doesn't commit to prioritizing funding to fix them, we could be facing a catastrophe. Without this additional funding, 25% of local streets and roads will be in failed condition in a very short 10 years.

If regular maintenance is neglected, the costs of repairs increase exponentially. AB 1591 addresses the backlog of maintenance needs and is estimated to generate \$8 billion annually. It takes a broad portfolio approach to investing in our state's transportation and includes greater oversight responsibilities for the California Transportation Commission over the state's roadway operation and rehabilitation. Finally, AB 1591 supports local communities and regional planning efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. It provides the critical funding needed to implement sustainable communities' strategies.

We cannot stress enough the importance of acting on the transportation funding shortfall. Thank you for your leadership on this critical issue. For these reasons, the Cities Association of Santa Clara County supports AB 1591.

Sincerely,

Jim Griffith
President, Cities Association of Santa Clara County
Council Member, City of Sunnyvale

CC: Cities Association Board of Directors