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Local Transportation System at Risk without Increased State Investment *California Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment first comprehensive review of local system conditions*

The first comprehensive and systematic study of California's local street and road system shows that California's local transportation system is on the brink of crisis. The condition of our local streets and roads will rapidly deteriorate, according to the *California Statewide Local Streets and Roads Assessment* (Assessment), without a significant investment in the local system.

"Every trip – whether by car, transit, or bicycle – starts and ends on a local street or road. The local system is critical for safety and mobility of the traveling public," says Butte County Public Works Director Mike Crump.

Analysis included in the statewide assessment finds that the current funding shortfall, considering all existing revenues, for pavement and necessary components, such as traffic signals, storm drains and gutters, is more than \$71 billion for just a 10 year period. At least \$7 billion annually in new money going directly to cities and counties is necessary over the next 10 years to stop further decline and deterioration of our local roadways.

Locally, Butte County estimates its funding shortfall for our local streets/roads as being \$16 million annually over the next 10 years.

According to the Assessment, the average local street and road in California ranks 68 on the Pavement Condition Index (PCI) using industry standards based on a scale of zero (failed) to 100 (excellent). This places streets and roads in the "at risk" category. Without any supplemental funding, the pavement rating is projected to deteriorate to 58 in 10 years and to just 48 by 2033 which is just one level above a "failed" rating!

The average Pavement Condition Index for Butte County is 65. However, we are not alone. Twenty-four other counties also have an average pavement condition index considered "at risk" or "poor".

"As roadway conditions decline, the cost to repair them increases exponentially," says Public Works Director Mike Crump.

The report is a collaborative effort of the League of California Cities, California State Association of Counties, County Engineers Association of California, and other local transportation stakeholders. The information on local pavement conditions was self-reported by local agencies from 2007-2008. The study was made possible through contributions by individual cities and counties.

To download a copy of the report, please visit www.savecaliforniastreet.org. For more information on the full report, please contact Dorothy Johnson, League of California Cities (916-658-8214) or Kiana Buss, California State Association of Counties (916-650-8185).

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