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Comprehensive Statewide Review of Local Streets and Roads Finds Most at Risk of Failing

SACRAMENTO – California's local streets and roads are at risk of deteriorating rapidly unless new funding sources are found, according to an independent survey conducted on behalf of the California State Association of Counties (CSAC), League of California Cities and the County Engineers Association of California (CEAC).

The California Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment report captured data covering more than 93 percent of the state's local streets and roads. This report, the first in more than a decade, provides a critical analysis of the local transportation network's pavement condition and funding needs.

The results are dire, showing that, "California's local streets and roads are on the edge of a cliff." If current conditions remain unchanged, the report warns that the condition statewide of the local road system will deteriorate significantly over the next 25 years.

The statewide condition is projected to drop to a level of 58 (at risk) in 10 years, and to 48 (poor) by 2033 if funding remains at current levels on a scale of zero (failed) to 100 (excellent). The current the statewide average pavement condition index is 68, already placing it in the "at risk" category.

The analysis concludes that an additional \$71 billion dollar investment is needed over the next 10 years to avoid this scenario and maintain street and road quality at the most cost-effective condition.

"This investment is critical for the safety and mobility of the traveling public, farm to market needs, multimodal needs, and commerce," stated Chris McKenzie executive director of the League of California Cities. "Cities and counties own and operate 81 percent of California roads. It's where every trip begins and ends."

"The local street and road system provides two-fold opportunity for economic recovery during the worst fiscal crisis in California in decades," said Paul McIntosh, CSAC executive director. "The maintenance and preservation of the local transportation network provides both public and private sector jobs and thus supports economic recovery in every corner of the state."

Public Works Directors in local jurisdictions have been making presentations on the conditions of their local streets and roads to their County Board of Supervisors. Several presentations are scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 26, and the beginning of February.

The full report can be found at www.savecaliforniastreet.org.

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