

**SB 16 (Beall)**  
**Transportation Financing for Road Maintenance**  
**Fact Sheet**

**BACKGROUND**

The state transportation system is critical to California's economic well-being, as it enables us to move goods, people, and ideas around and through the state. For decades, because we prioritized development and expansion of our transportation network, our economy has been able to grow and become the envy of the country.

Unfortunately, we now face a challenge of significant proportions. Our system is aging rapidly and with much of our road and bridge infrastructure past its expected lifespan, rehabilitation and maintenance costs for both the state system and local streets and roads are skyrocketing. At the same time, we have not increased the base revenues for this work since the early 1990s. One-time transportation dollars from state bonds and federal recovery grants have been spent. We no longer have the funding to maintain the infrastructure we have, let alone address the needs of an ever-growing and shifting population.

The state estimates that we currently have a \$59 billion backlog in maintenance on the state system that is growing roughly by \$4 billion per year. Cities and counties suggest they have an equally-staggering \$78 billion backlog for the local system, with projected funding levels insufficient to even maintain the status quo. A nominal increase today will keep us from having to make more drastic changes in the future. Legislation is needed in order to prevent devastating economic consequences for future generations.

**THIS BILL**

SB 16 creates a much needed, temporary funding plan to address the maintenance backlog of our aging system. This bill:

- Establishes an equitable financing strategy – everyone contributes their fair share for using the roads.
- Includes protections to ensure that funding does not get taken away from transportation purposes.
- Establishes efficiencies in Caltrans to ensure projects are completed on-time and on-budget.
- Provides funding for the state, counties, and cities to address road maintenance needs at all levels.

- Incentivizes local efforts to become a “Self-Help” City or County.
- Funds congestion relief for freight movement at Ports.

SB 16 will save the state money in the future and alleviate the need to raise even higher revenue in future years. California's roads are crumbling and it is imperative to address the problem now.

**STATUS/VOTES**

Senate Transportation and Housing Committee

**SUPPORT**

Associated General Contractors of California  
California State Association of Counties  
California Alliance for Jobs  
California Infill Builders Federation  
Cathedral City  
C.C. Myers, Inc.  
City of Brisbane  
City of Burbank  
City of Clearlake  
City of Danville  
City of Gilroy  
City of Hanford  
City of Hercules  
City of Hughson  
City of Lafayette  
City of Lakeport  
City of Montclair  
City of Rancho Cucamonga  
City of Santa Clara  
City of Santa Maria  
City of Santa Rosa  
City of Thousand Oaks  
City of Whittier  
League of California Cities  
LIUNA Locals 777 & 792  
Ed Lee, Mayor of San Francisco  
Northern California Carpenters Regional Council  
Sam Liccardo, Mayor of San Jose  
San Jose City Council Member Magdalena Carrasco  
State Building and Construction Trades Council  
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