



March 23, 2017

The Honorable Jim Beall
15th Senate District
State Capitol, Room 5066
Sacramento, CA 95814

Via email to: Lynne.Andres@sen.ca.gov

RE: SUPPORT for SB 1 (Beall): Transportation Funding

Dear Senator Beall:

On behalf of the City of Soledad, I write in support of Senate Bill (SB) 1: Transportation Funding (as amended, January 26, 2017). This bill creates the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Program to address deferred maintenance on the state highway system and the local street and road system. SB 1 pumps \$6 billion annually into road repairs and mass transit. **The City of Soledad strongly supports this bill.**

The City of Soledad specifically supports the set-aside of \$200 million annually for the California Transportation Commission (CTC) to allocate to road maintenance and rehabilitation projects in counties that have received voter approval of taxes or that have imposed fees, including uniform developer fees, which taxes or fees are dedicated solely to transportation improvements. As of November 8, 2016, Monterey County is a self-help county, and the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) will use these funds as a state match for the voter-approved projects.

The City also supports the set-aside of funding for intercity rail included in SB 1. While Soledad does not currently have a rail station, it is in development in anticipation of future intercity rail service to our city. There is demand for rail service for access to the Pinnacles National Park and our thriving wine visitor economy.

The City of Soledad supports your efforts to stabilize and increase transportation funding. This bill would facilitate better planning and programming by making the actual amount of transportation funding in any given year more predictable. Thank you very much for your sponsorship of this important bill and for supporting efforts to improve transportation in California.

Sincerely,

Michael McHatten
City Manager

cc: Debra L. Hale, TAMC