

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN BENITO

A RESOLUTION OF THE SAN BENITO)
COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS)
OPPOSING PROPOSITION 6 ON THE)
NOVEMBER 2018 BALLOT)

Resolution No. 2018-

WHEREAS, cities and counties own and operate more than 81% of streets and roads in California, and from the moment we open our front door to drive to work, bike to school, or walk to a bus stop, people are dependent upon a safe, reliable local transportation network; and

WHEREAS, the 2016 California Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment, which provides critical analysis and information on the local transportation network's condition and funding needs, indicates that the condition of the local transportation network is deteriorating at an increasing rate; and

WHEREAS, California has more than 1,600 bridges and overpasses that are structurally deficient and unsafe and 89% of counties have roads that are in 'poor' or 'at-risk' condition; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Association, there were more than 3,600 fatalities on California roads in 2016, with poor road conditions as a major factor in vehicle collisions and accidents; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 6, currently placed on the November 2018 ballot, would eliminate more than \$52 billion in existing transportation funding over the next 10 years, including the \$15 billion in direct apportionments, and \$11 billion in available competitive grant funding, to cities and counties statewide; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 6 would stop funding for more than 6,500 transportation improvement projects currently underway or planned in every California community; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 6 would jeopardize public safety by eliminating thousands of projects to fix unsafe bridges and overpasses, repair crumbling and unsafe roads, and enhance pedestrian safety; and

WHEREAS, Prop 6 would eliminate an average of \$1.8 million annually dedicated to San Benito County, and halt critical investments in future transportation improvement projects in our community; and

WHEREAS, voters overwhelmingly passed Proposition 69 in the June 2018 election, thereby ensuring transportation funds can only be used for transportation purposes and the State and local governments are accountable to taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 6 would eliminate transportation revenues that are accountable to taxpayers, can't be diverted or borrowed, and that voters overwhelmingly dedicated to fixing our roads.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the San Benito County Board of Supervisors hereby opposes Proposition 6 on the November 2018 ballot; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County of San Benito can be listed as a member of the "No on Prop 6" coalition, a diverse coalition of local governments, public safety organizations, business, labor, environmental leaders, transportation advocates and other organizations throughout the state.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the San Benito County Board of Supervisors at a regular meeting of said Board on the 9th day of October 2018, by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS
NOES: SUPERVISORS
ABSTAIN: SUPERVISORS

Anthony Botelho,
Chair, San Benito County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

By: _____
Janet Slibsager
Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

By: _____
