



# Support Safer Roads and Protect Local Transportation Improvements

Californians depend on a safe and reliable transportation network to support our quality of life and a strong economy. In April 2017, California passed Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) – which will provide more than \$5 billion annually to make road safety improvements, fill potholes, repair local streets, freeways, tunnels, bridges and overpasses and invest in public transportation in every California community. Road safety and transportation improvement projects are already underway or planned in every community, but this long-awaited progress could come to a halt unless voters take action in 2018.

**The Coalition to Protect Local Transportation Improvements has formed to support the June 2018 constitutional amendment protecting transportation funds from being diverted and to oppose the November 2018 measure to repeal transportation funds. Here's how you can help:**

## **SUPPORT ACA 5:**

**June 2018 ballot measure: Prohibits the Legislature from raiding new transportation funds and ensures funds can only be used for transportation projects.**

- ✓ ACA 5 extends constitutional protections to the new revenues generated by SB 1 that aren't currently protected and ensures these funds can only be used for transportation improvement purposes.
- ✓ The measure would prohibit the Legislature from borrowing or diverting these revenues for non-transportation purposes. This will ensure that all revenues from SB 1 can only be used for transportation improvement purposes.

## **OPPOSE SB 1 Repeal:**

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Certain politicians are currently collecting signatures to try to repeal the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 (SB 1) and stop critical investments in future transportation improvement projects. We need to build a strong coalition to oppose this measure now because its passage would:

- ✗ **Jeopardize public safety.** According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, poor roadways were a contributing factor in more than half of the 3,623 roadway fatalities on California roads in 2016. Currently, 89% of California counties have roads that are in poor or at-risk condition, and 25% of local bridges show significant deterioration. Roadway improvements at the state and local level will save lives and increase safety for the traveling public. This measure will cut funding currently dedicated to fixing roads and upgrading freeways, bridges, tunnels and overpasses to make them safer.



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- ✘ Take away road improvement funds dedicated to every community.** SB 1 guarantees funds to every city and county to fix potholes, make safety improvements, ease traffic congestion and improve public transportation. These funds are already being put to use and California cities and counties have already identified 4,000 local projects for funding in 2017-18 and into the future. This measure would rob funding currently benefiting every California community and stop thousands of local road improvement projects from moving forward. Our local roads, streets and state highways already face a backlog of \$132 billion and this measure will only worsen the crisis.
- ✘ Make traffic congestion worse.** Our freeways and major thoroughfares are among the most congested in the nation, and Californians spend too much time stuck in traffic away from family and work. This measure would make our traffic worse by repealing SB 1 funds that are dedicated to reducing traffic congestion.
- ✘ Cost drivers more money in the long-run.** Repealing the gas tax and vehicle fee will only save the average driver \$10 per month. But it will cost drivers much more in the long-run because of the wear and tear on our vehicles caused by bad roads. The average driver spends \$762 per year on front end alignments, body damage, shocks, tires and other repairs because of bad roads.
- ✘ Would hurt job-creation and our economy.** A reliable transportation infrastructure is critical to get people to work, to move goods and services to the market and to support our economy. Furthermore, every \$1 billion invested in transportation infrastructure supports 13,000 jobs a year. By repealing funding for road repairs and transportation improvements, this measure would eliminate 650,000 good-paying jobs and \$100 billion dollars in economic growth that will be created fixing our roads over the next decade.

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