RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2013-126

MEETING: April 9, 2013

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Peter Rei, Public Works Director

RE: Presentation of 2012 Update to Statewide Roads Needs Assessment

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Receive a Presentation on the 2012 Update to Statewide Streets and Roads Needs Assessment and Adopt a Resolution Supporting Increased State Funding to Address the Statewide Funding Road Improvement Shortfall.

Every two years the Statewide Needs Assessment for Streets and Roads is updated. On March 7, 2013, the 2012 Statewide Needs Assessment was released. The report shows a slow but steady decline in the condition of streets and roads owned by cities and counties throughout the State of California.

Mariposa County's County-owned roadways dropped from the "At Risk" category in the 2010 report to the "Poor" category in the 2012 report. The report notes that there are 10 counties in the State that "have the worst pavement conditions." Mariposa County is listed as one of those 10 counties.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
None that can be recommended

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
None

ATTACHMENTS:
California Needs Assessment Project (Abstract) (PDF)
California Needs Assessment Project (Fact Sheet) (PDF)
California Needs Assessment Project (Press Release) (PDF)
California Needs Assessment Project (Presentation-2013) (PDF)
Resolution-Needs Assessment Update (PDF)
CAO RECOMMENDATION
Requested Action Recommended

[Signature]
Rick Benson, County Administrative Officer

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: John Carrier, District V Supervisor
SECONDER: Janet Bibby, District III Supervisor
AYES: Janet Bibby, Kevin Cann, John Carrier, Merlin Jones
EXCUSED: Lee Stetson
MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RESOLUTION No. 13-126

A RESOLUTION URGING THE STATE TO PROVIDE NEW SUSTAINABLE FUNDING FOR TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE AND SUPPORTING THE FINDINGS OF THE 2012 CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE LOCAL STREETS AND ROADS NEEDS ASSESSMENT UPDATE

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

WHEREAS, the results of the 2012 California Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment, which provides critical analysis and information on the local transportation network's condition and funding needs, indicate that the condition of the local transportation network is deteriorating as predicted in the 2008 study; and

WHEREAS, the results show that California’s local streets and roads are on a path of significant decline. On a scale of zero (failed) to 100 (excellent), the statewide average pavement condition index (PCI) is 66, placing it in the “at risk category”; and

WHEREAS, if current funding remains the same, the statewide condition is projected to deteriorate to a PCI of 53 in 10 years; and

WHEREAS, cities and counties need an additional $1.9 billion just to maintain a status quo pavement condition of 66, let alone bring the system into a good condition which is the most cost effective use of public funds; and

WHEREAS, if additional funding isn’t secured now, it will cost taxpayers twice as much to fix the local system down the line; and

WHEREAS, modernizing the local street and road system provides well-paying construction jobs and boosts local economies; and

WHEREAS, the local street and road system is also critical for farm to market needs, interconnectivity, multimodal needs, and commerce; and

WHEREAS, police, fire, and emergency medical services all need safe reliable roads to react quickly to emergency calls and a few minutes of delay can be a matter of life and death; and

WHEREAS, maintaining and preserving the local street and road system in good condition will reduce drive times and traffic congestion, improve bicycle safety, and make the pedestrian experience safer and more appealing, which leads to reduce vehicle emissions helping the State achieve its air quality and greenhouse gas emissions reductions goals; and

WHEREAS, restoring roads before they fail also reduces construction time which results in less air pollution from heavy equipment and less water pollution from site run-off; and
WHEREAS, in order to bring the local system back into a cost-effective condition, thereby preserving the public's $271 billion pavement investment and stopping further costly deterioration, at least $8.2 billion annually in new money going directly to cities and counties over a period of ten years is needed to stop the further decline and deterioration of our streets and roads.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF MARIPOSA supports the findings of the 2012 California Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment Update; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the COUNTY strongly urges the State to identify a sufficient and stable funding source for local street and road maintenance and rehabilitation to ensure the safe and efficient mobility of the traveling public and the economic vitality of California.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of April, 2013 by the following vote:

AYES: BIBBY, CANN, CARRIER, JONES

NOES: NONE

ABSTAINED: NONE

EXCUSED: STETSON

Kevin Cann, Vice-Chair
Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:                         APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Rene LaRoche, Clerk of the Board  Steven W. Dahlem, County Counsel