RESOLUTION 86-167

proposed by
The San Joaquin Valley Supervisors Regional Association's Transportation Task Force

In the matter of: Funding County Minimums

Section 1. WHEREAS:

(a) Senate Bill No. 215 of the 1981-82 regular session of the California Legislature was enacted to provide for increased funding for the State of California and local agencies, including counties, for State highways, local streets and roads and related transportation facilities through an increase in the State gasoline tax and driving fees; and

(b) This legislation enacted, in part, Streets and Highways Code Section 188.8 which established a "return to source" formula requiring distribution of State highway construction funds among California's fifty-eight (58) counties by the California Transportation Commission ("the Commission") and the Department of Transportation ("Caltrans"); and

(c) This formula requires that each county receive, at a minimum, a fixed proportionate share of highway and guideway construction funds during the five-year period thereafter; and

(d) This formula was intended to guarantee a fair return on transportation revenues paid by each county's drivers; and

(e) The Commission and Caltrans have chosen not to allocate and expend funds in the State Highway Account for State highway and guideway construction as mandated by Streets and Highways Code Section 188.8; and

(f) The Commission and Caltrans have, instead, used those funds in a manner designed only to maximize funding of Interstate construction projects; and

(g) As a result of the failure of the Commission and Caltrans to comply with the provisions of Streets and Highways Code Section 188.8, it is estimated in the 1986 Proposed State Transportation Improvement Program that thirty-two (32) counties will not achieve their respective county minimums during the first five-year period (1983/84 - 1987/88) and that thirty-six (36) counties will not achieve
their respective county minimums during the second five-year period; and

(h) This County has needed improvements on the State highways servicing it which remain unmet and which may continue to remain unmet without an alteration in the current funding policy of the Commission and Caltrans;

Section 2. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of __Mariposa__, State of California, as follows:

1. This Board hereby declares its opposition to the current policy of the California Transportation Commission and the Department of Transportation of using State highway funds to maximize the funding of Interstate projects with the resulting failure to follow the requirements of Streets and Highways Code Section 188.8 for the allocation of State highway funds.

2. This Board further requests the Commission and Caltrans to adopt a legislative position in opposition to any extension of the Interstate program due to the conflict created between funding the Interstate and funding county minimums and to support any Federal legislation which would not preclude the Commission or Caltrans from meeting the county minimums requirement.

3. This Board further requests the Commission, beginning with the 1986 State Transportation Improvement Program, to use future funds, including any interim funding of the State Highway Account, to redress the failure to meet the county minimums requirement and that any action taken on new projects conform with the county minimums formula.

4. In issuing this Resolution, this Board declares that it is not its intention that the Commission take funds from existing projects that are already programmed, but that all steps possible be taken to redress the failure to meet the county minimums mandated by the Legislature.

5. Further, this Board requests the Commission support legislation both at the State and the Federal level which will enable and guarantee the funding of the county minimums.
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors this 20th day of May, 1986 by the following vote:

AYES: BARRICK, ERICKSON, RADANOVICH, TABER

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: DALTON

ABSTAINED: NONE

BEVERLY BARRICK, Chairman
Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

GERALD MCCARTHY, County Clerk
And Ex Officio Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

JEFFREY C. GREN, County Counsel