
Employee/Stakeholder Letter

As California construction employees, we understand the importance of a robust industry in supporting the state's economy and quality of life. Over the past few decades, our industry has championed efforts to provide a continuing source of money to support funding for California's transportation infrastructure. Unfortunately, we are once again facing a funding crisis in the transportation program.

Gas tax revenues are declining, and with the looming sunset of the Proposition 1B bond program, money for transportation in California will diminish drastically. Spending, which peaked in 2008-09 at over \$13 billion, will crater to slightly more than \$6 billion in 2013-14. Since just 2010, we have seen a 60 percent decline in Caltrans' projections of work that will be available over the next year. That is a precipitous plunge.

California depends on its transportation infrastructure – to support the economy, transport goods and keep Californians moving. Yet as the state's population grows, and as the existing system ages, it is becoming more difficult and more costly to maintain existing infrastructure and accommodate needed change. The anticipated drop in funding will make this situation even more challenging.

Now is the time to step up and aggressively advocate for additional funding for the transportation program and we must be ready to meet the challenge. Through an organization known as Transportation California (TC), our industry is working in collaboration with other stakeholders to make up for the loss of funding due to the completion of Proposition 1B and to develop funding mechanisms that will ensure a stable and growing source of dollars for the program in the future. You should know that TC has a successful track record in raising and/or protecting transportation revenues over the past two decades, and has been involved in every major transportation initiative in the state since the early 1990's.

As an industry, we need to be focused on a singular purpose: a well-funded transportation program. Through TC, we are moving forward to achieve our objectives and we are pursuing a package of funding mechanisms and reforms that we believe can be implemented in the next two years. In fact, TC has joined with the California Alliance for Jobs in submitting to the Attorney General a proposed statewide ballot initiative that would implement the *California Road Repairs Act*, raising \$3 billion a year for the transportation program. The revenues collected would be dedicated to repair and rehabilitation of the existing transportation system, a focus that has broad public support. Nonetheless, this effort will require collaboration, expanded advocacy and extensive public outreach. And, we need your help and involvement in order to be successful.

Please don't hesitate to remind your friends and neighbors, business associates and social contacts that California needs to continue investing in transportation infrastructure if we are going to move this state forward. Get personally involved in continuing the fight for essential funding to support needed transportation improvements in California.

If you have any questions or want to be more personally engaged, talk to your supervisor.

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