



Agenda Item B.7
CONSENT CALENDAR
Meeting Date: August 19, 2008

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Dan Singer, City Manager

CONTACT: Steve Wagner, Community Services Director

SUBJECT: Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment Study

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize payment in the amount of \$2,000 to the League of California Cities for the City to participate in the Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment Study facilitated by the League of California Cities.

BACKGROUND:

The California State Association of Counties (CSAC) and the League of California Cities have initiated a statewide local streets and roads needs assessment. CSAC and the League have pointed out that almost every trip starts and ends on the local road system, whether it uses the highway system or not. Having comprehensive statewide data that clearly illustrates the local system shortfalls will hopefully enhance future funding for local streets and roads.

In March 2008, CSAC and the League awarded Nichols Consulting Engineers a contract to prepare a statewide study that will answer the following questions:

- What are the conditions of the local streets and roads and non-pavement assets?
- What will it cost to bring them up to “good” condition?
- How much will it cost to maintain them in good condition for the next 25 years?
- Is there a funding shortfall? If so, what is it?

This study is designed to provide a comprehensive and systematic approach to quantify local streets and roads needs as a statewide asset. Currently, only 10% of the recent \$20 billion transportation bond measure (Prop 1B) is allocated for cities and counties, despite the fact the local streets and roads make up 83% of the State’s publically maintained miles. The majority of the 1B funding is allocated to CalTrans at 60% with the remaining 30% to air quality, transit and security issues.

Currently, many cities and counties have contributed funding to this study. The following agencies have taken leadership roles to insure that the project is successful:

- California State Association of Counties (CSAC)
- League of California Cities (LOCC)
- County Engineers Association of California (CEAC)
- County of Los Angeles
- California Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPA)
- California Rural Counties Task Force (RCTF)

Additionally, the following local agencies are also participating:

- County of Santa Barbara
- City of Santa Barbara
- City of Santa Maria

This new study will encompass both pavement and non-pavement assets (i.e. sidewalks, ADA ramps, curbs and gutters, storm drains, & others). The Community Services Department has already participated in the beginning stages of data gathering for the project and completed the Statewide Needs Assessment Survey Questionnaire.

DISCUSSION:

In order to facilitate a study of this magnitude, the League of California Cities and the County Engineers Association of California are attempting to reach a 100% participation rate of all cities and counties in the State. What this requires is a buy-in into the project with a monetary donation and data from the city engineer from each agency on the roadway system and any current needs.

The results of the study will be used to assist local and regional agencies in securing funding for their streets and roads infrastructure needs. It will also provide an analysis of the needs for the roadway infrastructure for all local agencies in California. The results of the study will be presented to the Governor and State Legislature as part of a plan to secure additional infrastructure funding for cities and counties.

The project is scheduled to be completed by April 2009 and additional information on the study is available on the following website: www.saveCaliforniastreet.org .

GOLETA STRATEGIC PLAN:

The participation of Goleta in the Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment Study is consistent with the Objective to prioritize Maintenance of City Streets, Parks, and Facilities.

ALTERNATIVES:

The City Council could choose not to participate in the Study. This could potentially eliminate the Community Services Department receiving critical data and information that may be used in future grants, programs, etc.

FISCAL IMPACTS:

The funds for this action are included in the adopted in the FY 2008–2009 budget in account 101-5-5200-500.

Submitted By:

Reviewed By:

Approved By:

Steve Wagner
Community Services Director

Michelle Greene
Administrative
Services Director

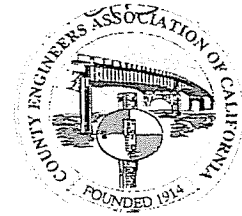
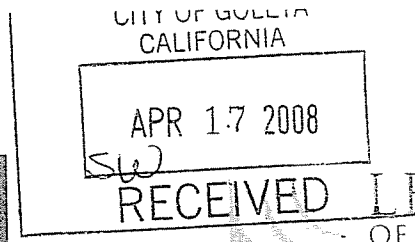
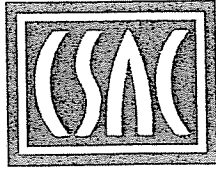
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ATTACHMENTS:

- 1. April 16th Letter Project Update from CSAC and League of California Cities
- 2. SBCAG/TTAC Staff Report dated June 5, 2008

ATTACHMENT 1

**April 16th Letter : Project Update from CSAC and League of California
Cities**



April 16, 2008

To: California City Managers; City and County Public Works Directors

From: George Johnson, President, County Engineers Association of California
Uche Udemezue, President, League of California Cities, Public Works Officers Department

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As you may already know, CSAC, the League, and CEAC have entered into a contract with Nichols Consulting Engineers, Chtd. to conduct the local streets and roads needs assessment study. We have already initiated the first steps of the study which will focus on three main outcomes:

- 1) To determine the statewide condition of the local system;
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INVOICE

DATE: ___ / ___ / 2008
STATEMENT # 001

League Contact Person:

Dorothy Johnson
League of California Cities
1400 K Street, Sacramento, CA 95814
(Direct) 916/658-8214 (Fax) 916/658-8240
djohnson@cacities.org

CUSTOMER Name:	COMMENTS	CEAC ID#
		23-7060404
Title:		
City:		
Mailing Address:		

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT ENCLOSED (CHECK ONE)
League, CEAC and CSAC Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500.00
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000.00
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5,000.00
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000.00
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please indicate) \$ _____ .00
Total _____	

Please make checks payable to County Engineers Association of California and mail to:

CEAC
c/o Mehdi Sadjadi, Treasurer
120 Round Court
Petaluma, CA 94952-4720

Thank you for your financial assistance!

ATTACHMENT 2

SBCAG/TTAC Staff Report dated June 5, 2008



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Phone: 805/961-8900 Fax: 805/961-8901 www.sbcag.org

STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment

MEETING DATE: June 5, 2008 **AGENDA ITEM:** 9

RECOMMENDATION: Discuss the Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment initiated by the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) and the League of California Cities and their request for funding contributions from local agencies.

STAFF CONTACT: Steve VanDenburgh

DISCUSSION:

The California State Association of Counties (CSAC) and the League of California Cities have initiated a statewide local streets and roads needs assessment. The purpose of the assessment is to shine a spotlight on the shortfall between available revenues and expenditures needed to maintain the local street and road system. While the state highway system has been the focus of attention in Sacramento in recent bond initiatives and propositions, CSAC and the League point out that almost every trip starts and ends on the local road system, whether it uses the highway system or not. Having comprehensive statewide data that clearly illuminates the local system shortfall will bolster their case that the next transportation initiative in Sacramento has to be focused on funding for local streets and roads.

The League, CSAC and the County Engineer's Association of California have entered into a contract with Nichols Consulting Engineers to collect data from each city and county in the state pertaining to local pavement and sidewalk conditions. Local agency participation in the assessment is voluntary (i.e., not mandated by statute).

The three Needs Assessment partners are requesting that each local agency in the state contribute to the study budget. To get things started, the County of Los Angeles has contributed \$250,000. *In Santa Barbara County, three agencies have contributed that SBCAG is aware of: the City of Santa Barbara (\$5,000), the County of Santa Barbara (\$5,000) and the city of Santa Maria (\$500).* It is our understanding that agencies, whether they contribute or not, will be asked to participate in the assessment by providing data to ensure the need assessment is a true statewide product.

The memo sent out by the League, CSAC, and County Engineer's Association requesting local contributions is attached to this staff report, along with an invoice form and a suggested contributions table.

RECOMMENDATION: SBCAG staff does not have a recommendation to the board for TTAC consideration. Rather, SBCAG staff recommends that TTAC representatives from agencies that have not yet contributed bring to the attention of their city manager or public works director the

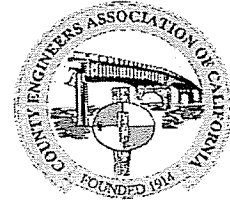
Member Agencies

Buellton = Carpinteria = Goleta = Guadalupe = Lompoc = Santa Barbara = Santa Maria = Solvang = Santa Barbara County

importance of making a funding contribution to the study. Points you might raise to persuade your city manager or public works director to contribute are:

- Local agencies will benefit from the study. It will make the case for new and/or more stable state sources of funding to address our local street and road needs;
- Local agencies are going to be asked for data, and will (presumably) provide it, so we should participate financially. That only seems fair. Otherwise, agencies that have made contributions, like L.A. County, are subsidizing the collection and analysis of data from the cities and counties that have not contributed.
- Not participating financially sends mixed signals to the public about the need for street repair funding. During the development of Measure D 2006 and Measure A, local agencies made the case that local street repair funding is critical to maintaining their public infrastructure and quality of life in their communities, and the local program was made correspondingly large, especially compared to the local programs in other measure programs in the state. It would be odd to have only three agencies in the county participate in a statewide study that is making the same case.

Attachments: 1. Memo to Local Agencies from CSAC and League, including a blank invoice
2. Suggested donation amounts.



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Second, we need information from your agency! Keep a look out for you will soon be getting a letter requesting your agency to provide any current needs assessment information and a contact person in your agency who is responsible for both pavement and non-pavement assets.

We are looking forward to hearing from you soon. If you decide to contribute, cities please e-mail Dorothy Johnson with the League of California Cities at djohnson@cacities.org and counties please email Kiana Buss with the California State Association of Counties at kbuss@counties.org. If you are ready to contribute now, an invoice is enclosed for your convenience with instructions for remittance.

We also encourage you to visit www.saveCaliforniastreet.org where you can always find out the latest information and updates on this project.

Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment Project
Suggested Guidelines for Contributions based on
Population of the Jurisdiction

Population of the Jurisdiction	Suggested Contribution Level
Below 25,000	Up to \$5,000
Below 250,000	Up to \$10,000
Above 250,000	Up to \$30,000

*Thank you in advance for your participation.
Please visit www.saveCaliforniastreet.org to learn
more about this project and take the online survey.*