



**City of Carson Tool Kit**  
**SB 1: Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017**  
**Talking Points**

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**Local Streets and Roads Funding:**

- SB 1 – the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 – will enable cities and counties to finally address significant maintenance, rehabilitation and safety needs on the local street and road system.
- Prior to the passage of SB 1, cities and counties were delaying or canceling projects and preparing to lay off staff. Due to lack of funding, basic maintenance of the local street and road system, repair and replacement of bridges, safety improvements and multi-modal enhancements were all at risk.
- The 2016 California Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment found that the condition of local streets and roads on average was “at risk” meaning that without an infusion of new funding, the infrastructure was on its way to failure.
- SB 1 will generate over \$5 billion annually for state and local transportation improvements. Cities and counties are slated to receive \$1.5 billion at full implementation of SB 1.
- SB 1 includes historic accountability and transparency measures. Cities and counties will adopt project lists at the start of every fiscal year and also provide year end reporting on completed projects.
- Maintenance and rehabilitation projects will extend the service life of our local streets and roads and bridges.
- The new transportation bill will provide cities and counties an opportunity to catch up on years of unfunded maintenance needs that have plagued our roadways for years.

- Cities and counties will also use SB 1 funds for complete streets projects, increasing mobility options for residents, and will employ, to the extent possible green technologies, materials and methods to reduce the impacts to the environment from transportation projects.
- The State and regional transportation planning agencies are also putting billions of SB 1 dollars to work.

### **SB 1 Overall:**

- While SB 1 did increase revenues, the average Californian will pay less in taxes annually than they pay in unanticipated car maintenance and repair costs associated with bad roads.
- With the passing of the new transportation bill, there are funds dedicated to fixing aging roads and bridges, improving goods movement, and reducing traffic congestion.
- The new transportation bill will generate \$54 billion over the next decade, split between state and local agencies.
- The new transportation bill will accelerate the delivery of projects sooner than we would have been able to deliver them.
- This is a game changer for the state. We haven't seen an investment in transportation like this in more than two decades.
- California's roadways wear significantly due to traffic, weather, and aging so our focus is on maintenance and rehabilitation, in order to provide Californians with a transportation system that is safe, sustainable and efficient.
- SB 1 will increase access to multi-modal transportation options, by expanding transit, bicycle, and pedestrian friendly opportunities.
- The new transportation bill will include competitive funding for congested and trade corridors and provide \$100 million for the Active Transportation Program, which encourages active modes of transportation like biking and walking.

- The state and locals are going to partner together to invest \$200 million in a partnership program to support regional transportation projects of significance.
- Expectations are high, and we recognize we have an even greater responsibility to deliver a transportation system the people of California deserve.