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What did we learn from the study?

This statewide study helped us learn that:

- The Pavement Condition Index (PCI) of local streets and roads is currently at 68, but will decline to 48 by 2033 based upon existing funding levels.
- It will require an additional \$5 billion annually over the next 10 years to bring the pavement condition up to a good condition.
- Once at the good condition, it will take \$1.8 billion a year to maintain the system at that condition.
- It will require an additional \$2 billion annually over the next 10 years to bring essential safety and traffic components (curb ramps, sidewalks, storm drains, streetlights, and traffic signals) up to a good condition.



Why is this study important?

There has been no comprehensive and systematic statewide approach to quantify local streets and roads needs statewide. Consequently, the message of what the needs are for the local streets and roads may not be getting to the decision makers. Only 10 percent of the recent \$20 billion transportation bond measure (Prop. 1B) went to cities and counties, despite the fact that local streets and roads comprise 83 percent of the State's publicly-maintained miles. The completion of this study represents the first step in providing quality information identifying these needs. Sustaining this effort will be very important. To be successful in conveying our message, a consistent systematic approach in determining the needs must be in place.

Who is sponsoring this project?

Many cities and counties contributed funding to this study. The agencies listed below have accepted the leadership responsibility of completing this study on behalf of the cities and counties in California.

- 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)

The Oversight Committee is composed of representatives from each organization, with the County of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works, acting as the Project Manager.

How is this information going to be used?

The Oversight Committee has developed an outreach/communications action plan that will convey the results of this study to the public, media, local and regional agency officials, State Legislature, and the Governor. Although the State's finances are at a point where obtaining additional transportation dollars to address these needs may be difficult, the

prospects of having our already insufficient local road funds reallocated to address the state's budget woes is a very real concern. The information from this study will hopefully not only be helpful in preventing this from happening, but will establish in the decision makers minds the need for more transportation funding for local streets and roads. The outreach plan will involve agency officials presenting the study's findings to their local elected officials in January 2010. The Oversight Committee will provide toolkit materials to each agency to assist in these presentations. In addition, the Oversight Committee will be presenting the information to the Governor and State Legislature.

What should be done for the next study?

One important conclusion the Oversight Committee made was that performing a needs assessment on a consistent basis is critical to maintain and obtain future transportation funding. Caltrans, which also receives state funding, prepares a detailed report every 2 years, which assists them in obtaining their funding allocations. Caltrans is expected to present their next update in 2010, and local agencies need to present a similar update so that a more comprehensive picture of the State's transportation needs is available. The next Oversight Committee meeting will focus on how we will approach the next study and how we can update the recent study information as quickly and easily as possible. Factors being considered include:

- Simplify/reduce the amount of data requested from each agency
- Focus only on agencies that have a PMS
- Use the website as a tool to facilitate data collection
- Encourage agencies to participate
- Use the costing methodologies developed in current study
- Address the collection of the bridge and essential components data

What will the website contain?

The website (<u>www.saveCaliforniastreets.org</u>) now has the final report for you to download. It also contains information on the project including related reports. This website will be used to provide information on the progress of the educational efforts and future study efforts.

Who should I contact for more information?

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