

November 3, 2016

Tom Berryhill, Senator  
8<sup>th</sup> District  
State Capitol, Suite 3067  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Frank Bigelow, Assembly member  
5<sup>th</sup> District  
State Capitol, Room 6027  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB X1 1 and AB X1 26  
Notice of Conditional Support

Dear Honorable Senator Berryhill and Assembly member Bigelow:

On behalf of the City of Sonoma I want to express our qualified support for SB X1 1 and AB X1 26. Like other communities in California, we have significant transportation needs given work that has been deferred due to the lack of funding. In particular, Gas Tax revenues have continued to decline while our maintenance needs have continued to increase.

The City supports many of the bills provisions, such as returning transportation Weight Fees to the State Highway Account for transportation purposes and no longer using these funds for debt service or loans for non-transportation purposes. The Council also supports the bills provisions that include additional revenue to fund basic operations and preventative maintenance of the City's roads, including the return of all non-Article XIX revenue to transportation uses. The City also appreciates that the bills require the repayment, within two years, of all outstanding loans borrowed from transportation special funds and their subsequent distribution to Cities and Counties for deferred maintenance costs. Lastly, the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) revisions will help reduce the design and delivery costs for transportation projects.

While the Council supports many of the provisions of these bills as noted above, we do not support the provisions that increase taxes and fees. Alternative revenue sources, such as the Cap and Trade Fund, should be considered before increasing taxes and fees.

SB X1 1 and AB X1 26 Letter  
November 3, 2016  
Page 2

The City thanks you for your leadership and your work with your fellow legislators to address these transportation needs and we greatly appreciate the efforts of Senator Beall and Assembly member Frazier as sponsors of these bills.

Sincerely,

Connie L. Williams  
Mayor

cc: Senator Jim Beall  
Assembly member Jim Frazier

DRAFT