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Mitch Weiss  
Executive Director  
California Transportation Commission  
1120 N Street MS 52  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: Request for Statutory Relief for Local Streets and Roads Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account Funding**

Dear Mr. Weiss:

First and foremost, thank you for your leadership during this unprecedented public health crisis. While we continue to deliver essential services locally throughout this crisis, it is critical that we work together in consideration of new challenges. We know you share our intent to make the best transportation decisions on behalf of our communities.

As a result, we request that you take immediate action to revise certain statutory requirements in regard to obtaining Senate Bill 1 (Beall, Statutes of 2017) local streets and roads road maintenance and rehabilitation account funds. Particularly, the City supports the proposed Schedule Option B, which allows additional time to re-evaluate our budget and projects in order to provide the Commission with a more accurate project list for Fiscal Year 2020-21.

The City also supports suspending the Maintenance of Effort (MOE) requirements. This suspension alleviates some cities and counties concerns in meeting the MOE requirements associated with Fiscal Year 2019-20 and Fiscal Year 2020-21. Furthermore, suspending the MOE requirements allows the City to realign its budget and projects with the 'new normal' post COVID-19. Finally, the City supports the proposal to have the State Controller's Office and California Department of Finance select three alternate years to base the MOE calculations prior to reinstatement in Fiscal Year 2021-22.

Thank you again for your leadership during these uncertain times. We appreciate your consideration of these urgent requests. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Regards,

Lauri Aylaian  
City Manager

Cc: Mayor and City Council, City of Palm Desert  
Erin Sasse, Regional Public Affairs Manager, League of California Cities