

BEFORE THE  
**FRESNO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**  
**RESOLUTION NO. 2018-11**

**II A.**

IN THE MATTER OF:

RESOLUTION OF SUPORT OF PROP 69  
FOR THE COUNTY OF FRESNO, 2017-18

**SUPPORT PROP 69**

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WHEREAS, the Fresno Council of Governments (FCOG) is a Regional Transportation Planning Agency and Metropolitan Planning Organization under state and federal law; and

WHEREAS, FCOG develops a regional transportation plan for identifying transportation needs and developing a plan that will improve the future mobility for automobiles, transit, rail, freight, and pedestrians throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, FCOG is responsible the programming, oversight, and delivery for most federal, state and local transportation funding programs within the region, including coordination with the air quality conformity standards under the Clean Air Act; and

WHEREAS, FCOG works closely with its member cities and county that have primary responsibility for maintaining the network of local streets and roads; and that the 2016 California Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment, which provides critical analysis and information on the local transportation network's condition and funding needs, indicates that the condition of the local transportation network is deteriorating at an increasing rate; and

WHEREAS, until the Legislature took action last year, cities and counties were facing a funding shortfall of \$73 billion over the next 10-years to repair and maintain in a good condition the local streets and roads system; and the State Highway System was facing a similar \$57 billion of deferred maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the State of California enacted Senate Bill 1 – The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 (SB 1) that went into effect on November 1, 2017, which enacted vehicle fees and a gas tax to provide the first significant, stable increase in state transportation funding in more than two decades; and

WHEREAS, SB 1 will raise approximately \$5.4 billion annually in long-term, dedicated transportation funding to rehabilitate and maintain local streets, roads, and highways, make critical, life-saving safety improvements, repair and replace aging bridges and culverts, reduce congestion and increase mobility options including bicycle and pedestrian facilities with the revenues split equally between state and local projects; and

WHEREAS, SB 1 will provide an estimated \$32.8 million annually to the region for local streets for road maintenance, public transit, and local priority transportation projects. In general, local governments will see their budget for filling potholes and fixing local streets nearly double; and

WHEREAS, SB 1 also provides opportunities for FCOG to compete for additional funds to reduce highway congestion, build infrastructure to support trade and commerce, and expand rail and bus transit; and

WHEREAS, SB1 has restored funding to the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and \$2.2 billion is now available for new road, bridge and transit projects over the next four years; and

WHEREAS, SB 1 provides critically-needed funding in the Fresno County Region for local streets and roads projects submitted by each local jurisdiction.

WHEREAS, SB 1 also provides funding opportunities to support sustainable planning projects; and

WHEREAS, these transportation revenues should be constitutionally protected to ensure funds are used only for transportation purposes; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 69 on the June 2018 ballot, if approved, will prevent the State Legislature from diverting any new transportation revenues for non-transportation improvement purposes, thereby providing greater certainty and accountability for these revenues.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the FCOG hereby supports Proposition 69 on the June 2018 ballot to prevent new transportation funds from being diverted for non-transportation purposes; and

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THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the FCOG supports and can be listed as a member of the Coalition to Protect Local Transportation Improvements, a diverse coalition of local government, business, labor, transportation and other organizations throughout the state, in support of Proposition 69.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was passed and adopted by the Fresno Council of Governments this 31<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2018.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Amarpreet Dhaliwal, Chair

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution of the Fresno Council of Governments duly adopted at a regular meeting dated above.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tony Boren, Executive Director