

September 18, 2018

Dear Mayor Chaffee and Fullerton City Council Members:

Following this year's review of the Fullerton Capital Improvement Program (CIP), the Citizens Infrastructure Review Committee has engaged in a review of major city infrastructure systems. Of course, the condition of city roadways remains a grave concern of the committee, both in their current state and the lack of long-term plans to adequately fund their maintenance and repair. This issue has long been a major source of frustration for Fullerton residents, and has occupied much of the attention of CIRC membership, who has sought leadership from City Council to address this most basic city service.

Over the past several months, City Council has received detailed reports and recommendations regarding the condition of Fullerton roadways:

- On December 19, 2017, City Staff provided the Roadway Pavement Management Program & Funding Status to the Council. City's projected PCIs for the next five year was presented at current funding level (SB1 included) and the required funding level to increase the PCI from 64 to 72 (fair on a scale of 0-100) by 2022-23.
- On May 1, 2018, the Roadway Pavement Management Program Update was presented to Council, which indicated that the overall Pavement Condition Index rating of city roads to be 64.7. It also showed that the quality of our roads would decline absent a significant additional investment.
- On July 17, 2018, City Manager Domer provided an agenda report entitled: Consideration of Options for Increased Revenues/Expenditures for Street Reconstruction/Improvement Projects, outlining several options for funding.
- On August 7, 2018, City Manager Domer provided an agenda report, by the direction of Council, entitled: Discussion on Budget Strategies to Increase Street Infrastructure Funding, which examined budget reduction approaches to fund roadway improvements.

At the August 14, 2018 meeting of the Citizens Infrastructure Review Committee with seven of our nine members present, CIRC membership passed the following motions, humbly requesting action on the part of our City Council to address this unabating issue for our city:

- MOTION 1 CARRIED 5-2: recommend that City Council publicly recommend opposition to Proposition 6 to maintain SB1 funding for the streets as no alternative funding sources have been proposed to prevent further degradation of the roads.
- MOTION 2 CARRIED 6-1: recommend City Council seriously consider cuts to the Police Department and Fire Department budgets, to provide funding for street infrastructure.
- MOTION 3 CARRIED 7-0: support the current efforts of the City Manager to collect a larger portion of State and County funds for local roads, and to recommend that City Council direct Townsend & Associates to lobby at the State level to modify the Highway Users Tax Account (HUTA) and Road Maintenance Rehabilitation Account (RMRA) distribution formulas to increase the amount of funding sent to the City of Fullerton.
- MOTION 4 CARRIED 7-0: recommend City Council pursue achieving a City-wide PCI of 72 within the next seven years.

The issue of roadway repair is serious. Even with the potential help of the gas tax, additional funds will be needed to arrest the continued deterioration. We look forward to your approach to address this issue and we stand by to assist where possible

Sincerely,

Ryan E. Alcantara
Chair, Citizens Infrastructure Review Committee

C: Ken Domer, City Manager
Kevin Kwak, Senior Civil Engineer