

CITY OF ALAMEDA RESOLUTION NO. ____

OPPOSING PROPOSITION 6 ON THE NOVEMBER 2018 BALLOT

WHEREAS, cities and counties own and operate more than 81 percent of streets and roads in California, and from the moment we open our front door to drive to work, bike to school, or walk to the bus station, people are dependent upon a safe, reliable local transportation network; and

WHEREAS, 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, costing drivers \$3,000 annually in repair bills and the value of lost time in traffic and crashes; and

WHEREAS, California has more than 1,600 bridges and overpasses that are structurally deficient and unsafe and 89% of counties have roads that are in 'poor' or 'at-risk' condition; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Association, there were more than 3,600 fatalities on California roads in 2016, with poor road conditions as a major factor in vehicle collisions and accidents; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 6 would eliminate more than \$52 billion over the next 10 years in existing transportation funding, including \$15 billion in direct apportionments and \$11 billion in available competitive grant funding, to cities and counties statewide; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 6 would jeopardize public safety by eliminating thousands of projects to fix unsafe bridges and overpasses, repair crumbling and unsafe roads, and enhance pedestrian safety; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 6 would cut \$15 million in funding for Alameda road repairs and improvements in the City of Alameda, including:

- \$1.3 million annually lost to the City budget for street and sidewalk repair
- \$8 million lost for the Encinal Avenue Pavement Project, which includes upgrading the curb ramps, crosswalks, and improving Broadway/Encinal Avenue to Sherman Street
- 59 new Alameda County Transit Hybrid buses; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alameda's adopted Legislative Agenda supports state transportation funding for stable and reliable revenue streams for transportation reconstruction and maintenance that is available for local priorities and transportation needs; implementation of the City-wide Transportation Choices Plan and other City transportation efforts to minimize traffic congestion; and transit access to Oakland and BART; and

WHEREAS, in March 2017, the City of Alameda prepared a notice of support for Senate Bill 1 (SB 1), which provides desperately needed funding for the state and local transportation network. SB 1 was a comprehensive transportation proposal inclusive of sensible reforms, modest increases to existing revenue sources including the gas tax and vehicle license fee, and robust infrastructure investment; and

WHEREAS, SB 1 improves efficiency, transparency, and accountability, such as restoring independence to the California Transportation Commission, creating the Office of the Transportation Inspection General with audit and investigation authority over the state's transportation spending, and establishing local reporting requirements on local transportation spending; and

WHEREAS, California voters overwhelmingly passed Proposition 69 in June 2018, with 84 percent of voters in the City of Alameda voting for the measure, thereby ensuring transportation funds can only be used for transportation purposes and the State and local governments are accountable to taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 6 would eliminate transportation revenues that are accountable to taxpayers, can't be diverted or borrowed, and that voters overwhelmingly dedicated to fixing our roads.

WHEREAS, we cannot afford to ignore our most basic repair and maintenance needs if we wish to avoid systematic failure of the state's entire transportation system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Alameda that the Council hereby opposes Proposition 6 on the November 2018 ballot; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Alameda can be listed as a member of the No on Proposition 6 coalition, a diverse coalition of local governments, public safety organizations, business, labor, environmental leaders, transportation advocates and other organizations throughout the state.

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I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly adopted and passed by the Council of the City of Alameda in a regular meeting assembled on the 16th day of October 2018, by the following vote to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said City this 17th day of October 2018.

Lara Weisiger, City Clerk
City of Alameda

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Janet C. Kern, City Attorney
City of Alameda