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RE: Opposition for Proposition 6 – Measure Repealing the Recently Enacted Road and Repair Transportation Fund Safe

Dear Mr. Griffith,

On behalf of the City Council of the City of Manhattan Beach, I am writing to oppose Proposition 6, which intends to repeal the recently enacted Road and Repair Transportation Fund (Senate Bill 1). Proposition 6 would eliminate funding for more than 6,500 bridge and road safety, transportation and public transit improvement projects currently underway throughout California.

Data from 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, indicated that the condition of the local transportation network is deteriorating at an increasing rate. More importantly, 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' conditions. 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.

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

For the City of Manhattan Beach, Proposition 6 would raid \$1,143,905, and halt critical investments in future transportation improvement projects in the City. We believe that transportation is the essence of our daily lives – from the moment we open our front door to drive to work, bike to school, or walk to the bus stop, people are dependent upon a safe, reliable local transportation network.

Therefore, the City of Manhattan Beach firmly opposes Proposition 6 on the November 2018 ballot. We would like to thank you and express our appreciation for your efforts on the No on Proposition 6 campaign. Should you have any questions or would like follow-up information on this matter, please contact our City Manager, Bruce Moe at bmoe@citymb.info or 310-802-5053.

Sincerely,

Steve Napolitano
Mayor
City of Manhattan Beach

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