



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Councilmember Ash Kalra

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: September 24, 2010

Approved

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Ash Kalra J.C.

9.24.10

**SUBJECT: FEDERAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION GRANT PROGRAM –
STREET MAINTENANCE**

RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council fully support the recommendations set forth in Acting Director of Transportation Hans Larsen's Memorandum dated September 10, 2010, in which it is recommended, among other things, that a resolution be adopted authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for Federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) funding for the 2010 STP Resurfacing and Rehabilitation Project.

BACKGROUND

It is fitting that this issue now finds itself on the Council Agenda, as just earlier this week a national transportation research group published a report that concluded that San José has the worst roads in the nation, with 64% of the city's roads being deemed in poor condition. It is therefore both timely and appropriate that this resolution is being considered by the Council, and it is my sincere hope that my fellow Councilmembers will join in support of this important resolution.

While the current condition of San José's roads impacts all of the City's residents, it is also true that certain areas are worse than others. In Council District 2, one of the worst areas is the Monterey Highway. District 2 residents have long pleaded for the Monterey Highway, which has been in poor condition for far too long, to be re-paved. In fact, since 2008, repaving Monterey Highway has been a "top ten" priority of the Silver Leaf Coalition, and so far little has been done to correct this problem. However, due in large part to the efforts and commitment of the Silver Leaf Neighborhood Association, this issue has remained a top priority for District 2. I applaud the efforts of the Silver Leaf Neighborhood Association, and I hope we can repay their efforts and dedication by supporting Acting Director Larsen's Memorandum.