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To Supervisor Gore:

I have reviewed the staff report on Consent Item #44 regarding the 2024, 2025 list of roads and the budget for pavement preservation projects. I think Johannes, Janice and the staff have done a very good job and the ECA supports a YES vote on this consent item.

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Thank you for your continued support of repairing our roads. We all are aware how much more expensive road repair becomes should we allow deterioration of the surface to go on for too long. The benefits for smooth repaired roads are many and include enhanced property values, better safety for drivers/pedestrians/bicycle riders, faster emergency vehicle response time, less wear and tear on vehicles from hitting potholes, and an overall sense of community pride in having better roads/drainage swales/signage/stripping for all residents.

Lastly, the County escalation clause protects both the County and the contractors from potentially volatile oil price increases and decreases so the ECA supports continuing the practice of including an escalator clause in the bidding documents.

Thank you again for your consideration on this subject.

Very Truly Yours,

John Bly, Executive Vice President
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