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June 9, 2023

To: Supervisor David Rabbitt, District 2

Subject: Sonoma Public Infrastructure Summary Report for June 12, 2023

Dear Supervisor Rabbitt:

The Northern California Engineering Contractors Association (ECA), who speak on behalf of hundreds of working families in Sonoma County, has reviewed the Summary Report you are being asked to vote on, on June 12, 2023.

The request to increase the General Fund allocation annual adjustment factor percentage from 2% to 5% for the Pavement Preservation Program is modest given the increases in materials in recent years due to shortages and global pressures.

The ECA collaborates with the SPI to keep costs of projects down, and quality high as we continue to resurface unincorporated roads that are so necessary for our county residents. Keeping our roads in good repair helps all of us to travel more safely whether we are biking or driving goods to market. We have made great progress in recent years, and we do want the County to be able to maintain the effort level by increasing the annual allocation percentage. It is far less costly to fix roads now than to fix them after they deteriorate and compromise the subgrade.

We thank you for taking the time to read this support letter for the Summary Report presented by SPI. We 100% support the report presented by Johannes Hovertsz and his staff, and we hope we can count on you supporting this SPI request on June 12, 2023.

Sincerely

John Bly
Executive Vice President
Northern California Engineering Contractors Association

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