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Relative to the state transportation system

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WHEREAS, California's population has increased 50 percent over the past 20 years and is projected to increase more than 35 percent over the next 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Revenues available for investment in California's transportation system have not kept pace with the increase in the state's population or with the increased demand on the state's transportation infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, California is now home to 4 of the 10 most congested urban areas in the nation; and

WHEREAS, The most recent long-term transportation infrastructure investment plan, known as the "Transportation Blueprint for the 21st Century," was passed by the Legislature and approved by the state's voters nearly a decade ago; and

WHEREAS, The anticipated revenues from the Transportation Blueprint for the 21st Century have yet to materialize; and

WHEREAS, The state needs a current and comprehensive long-range transportation facilities needs assessment to identify future demands; and

WHEREAS, The Legislature will consider a new, 10-year transportation infrastructure investment plan during the 1999-2000 Regular Session; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, That it is in the best interest of the people of the State of California to prepare a careful 10-year assessment of the state's transportation system; and be it further

Resolved, That the California Transportation Commission, working with the Department of Transportation and the state's regional transportation planning agencies, is requested to produce and submit to the Senate Committee on Transportation and to the President pro Tempore of the Senate, by May 10, 1999, a 10-year needs assessment of the state's transportation system. The assessment shall include, but not be limited to, identifying all of the following:

(1) Unfunded rehabilitation and operations needs for the state highway system, local streets and roads, the state's intercity rail programs, and urban, commuter, and regional transit systems, including ferry systems, over the next 10 years.

(2) High-priority projects, that are expected to reduce congestion and provide economic and environmental benefits to the state, which

should be moved forward for completion as expeditiously as possible.

(3) A workload projection and staffing estimate necessary for the Department of Transportation to perform the project support work required to complete the projects contained in the assessment.

(4) Measures to be instituted by the Department of Transportation to ensure that the projects contained in the assessment can be delivered in a timely and cost-effective manner; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the Chair of the California Transportation Commission and the Director of Transportation.