

Heber Public Utility District Report to the Board of Directors

MEETING DATE: June 21, 2018

FROM: Laura Fischer, General Manager

SUBJECT: Adopt Resolution Number 2018-08 Opposing Senate Bill 1 (SB1)
Repeal

ISSUE:

Shall the Heber Public Utility Board of Directors adopt Resolution Number 2017-08 to oppose Senate Bill 1 (SB1) Repeal?

GENERAL MANAGER RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Resolution Number 2017-08 Opposing Senate Bill 1(SB1) Repeal.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

BACKGROUND:

The Heber Public Utility District does not maintain streets and road in our service area. We do however, hear from residents in our service area that have complaints about the poor conditions of our streets and roads.

Over the past several years, our customers have complained about the condition of their streets. Several HPUD Board members have attended County BOS meetings to ask them to make Heber a priority for their street projects. A few years ago, the County made a presentation to our residents about the street conditions and lamented the lack of funding to make the needed repairs.

Since that time, SB 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, was passed. The County of Imperial has moved forward with planning and prioritizing projects that will be funded with SB1 Funds, and over \$1.5 million of these funds are programed to make improvements in the Heber area.

At the recent CSDA Legislative Days held in Sacramento, Directors Cardenas and Garcia, met with Assemblyman Eduardo Garcia to discuss several concerns they have about our area. One of the topics discussed was the lack of funding for street and road maintenance in Heber. After the meeting with Assemblyman Garcia, we were contacted by his office requesting a meeting with the Assemblymember's staff, County of Imperial Public Works Director, HPUD Directors who attended the meeting, and past Board Member Diahna Garcia-Ruiz and her daughter, Bethamee Garcia, who was also in attendance.

We met on June 13th and were presented with the attached map indicating the prioritized streets that are scheduled to be improved. The improvements to the streets that are labeled in green will be using SB1 funding. The blue street will be improved with Federal funds, which are not in danger of being lost. SB1 funds are in danger of being lost, as there is a measure on the November ballot to repeal SB1.

SB1 will raise about \$5.4 billion annually in long-term dedicated transportation funding to rehabilitate and maintain local streets and roads. The County of Imperial will receive a fair share of these funds to maintain all county streets and roads, and Heber is scheduled to have many of our streets repaired in the next few years.

DISCUSSION:

At the recent meeting, Ms. Stella Jimenez, representative from Assemblyman Garcia's office, stated that it may be helpful if the HPUD would adopt a Resolution in opposition to a proposed measure to repeal the new transportation revenues provided by SB1 is aimed for the November 2018 ballot. This measure would repeal all new funding including the funds to repair the streets and roads in the Heber area. Without SB1 funds, there are no other funding available to make these repairs, and consequently the streets and roads in Heber would not be improved.

Directors Cardenas and Garcia requested that this Resolution be placed on the agenda for June 21st for consideration by the HPUD Board.

CONCLUSION:

It is recommended that the Board adopt Resolution 2018-08 opposing Senate Bill 1 (SB) Repeal.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1) Do not adopt the Resolution 2018-08.
- 2) Direct staff to present the Resolution, at the next scheduled meeting to allow the Board time to review prior to adopting.
- 3) Provide alternate direction to staff.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Fischer, General Manager

Attachment: Resolution Number 2018-08

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2018-08

RESOLUTION OF THE HEBER PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS OPPOSING SENATE BILL 1 (SB 1) REPEAL

WHEREAS, cities and counties own and operate more than 81 percent of streets and roads in California, and from the moment we open our front door to drive to work, bike to school, or walk to the bus station, people are dependent upon a safe, reliable local transportation network; and

WHEREAS, 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, indicates that the condition of the local transportation network is deteriorating at an increasing rate; and

WHEREAS, cities and counties are facing a funding shortfall of \$73 billion over the next 10-years to repair and maintain in a good condition the local streets and roads system and the State Highway System has \$57 billion worth of deferred maintenance; and

WHEREAS, SB 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, will raise approximately \$5.4 billion annually in long-term, dedicated transportation funding to rehabilitate and maintain local streets, roads, and highways, make critical, life-saving safety improvements, repair and replace aging bridges and culverts, reduce congestion and increase mobility options including bicycle and pedestrian facilities with the revenues split equally between state and local projects; and

WHEREAS, SB 1 provides critically-needed funding to the County of Imperial that will be used for various projects which were approved by the Board of Supervisors under Resolution No. 2018-37 on April 17, 2018, MO #14; and

WHEREAS, the Heber Public Utility District Service Area falls within the jurisdiction of the County of Imperial, which is responsible for street and road construction, maintenance and operations; and

WHEREAS, the County of Imperial has prioritized several streets and roads in the Heber Public Utility District Service Area as needing immediate repairs and improvements which will be funded through SB 1 funds; and

WHEREAS, a proposed measure to repeal the new transportation revenues provided by SB 1 is aimed for the November 2018 ballot (Attorney General #17-0033). This measure would repeal all new funding to cities and counties, including funds to repair and improve streets and roads in the Heber Public Utility District service area, with no dedicated replacement of the monies being removed; and

WHEREAS, this proposed November proposition would cause the County of Imperial to lose over \$10 million per year making it difficult to invest in future road maintenance and transportation type improvement projects in the Heber Public Utility District service area and other county roads.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY FOUND, ADOPTED, AND RESOLVED BY THE HEBER PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The above recitals are true and correct
2. The Heber Public Utility District hereby opposes the proposed November ballot proposition (Attorney General #17-0033) that would repeal the new transportation funds and make it more difficult to raise state and local transportation funds in the future.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Board of Directors of the Heber Public Utility District, this 21st day of June, 2018, by the following roll call vote:

Martin Nolasco, Jr., President

ATTEST:

Raquel Carrillo
Clerk of the Board



COUNTY OF IMPERIAL HEBER TOWNSITE

- LEGEND:**
- COMPLETED PROJECT SB1 LIST
 - FEDERALLY FUNDED
 - ONGOING PROJECTS SB1 LIST

