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Re: **Prop 6 Fact of the Week:**
SB 1 Funds Are Critical and Necessary To Repair California's Roads & Bridges

The proponents of Prop 6 claim SB 1 was unnecessary because the state already collects enough money to fund transportation from the general fund. That statement ignores and minimizes some key facts.

- Transportation, in the state and the nation, has traditionally been funded by motorist user fees. Motorists started paying the first user fee in the form of a per gallon tax on gasoline in 1923. The revenue from the gas tax has been dedicated to transportation infrastructure since its inception and continues to be 100% dedicated to transportation projects.
- The state general fund does contribute to transportation. The Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP) and Proposition 42, redirected state sales tax revenue on gasoline from the general fund to transportation projects. The gas tax swap in 2010 replaced the state sales tax with a new increment of gas tax, but this revenue is still dedicated to transportation purposes. Accordingly, the general fund has supported transportation to the tune of billions of dollars since 2002.
- The budget surplus is insufficient to pay for California's transportation infrastructure projects. The combined need on the local street and road and state highway system is approximately \$130 billion over the next decade. SB 1 is going to generate more than \$50 billion over that same time period. While it doesn't solve the entire problem, it will allow counties, cities and the state to stop the deterioration and start to make improvements. The surplus is a one-time revenue source not an on-going source of revenue, and only amounts to approximately \$6 billion in FY 2018-19. The surplus is not a replacement for SB 1 or any long-term investment into our transportation infrastructure.

- In order to fund transportation from the general fund, it would require the state to cut funding from other important programs such as public safety, education and health and human services.

Transportation requires long-term, robust and consistent funding. Prop 6 would eliminate a funding stream that meets all of these requirements, charges user fees commensurate with the use of the system, and is accountable and transparent.

Sample Social Media

#California's roads & bridges are in critical need of repair. #SB1 created the necessary targeted funding we need to assure our state infrastructure is safe and usable for years to come.
#RebuildingCA

#SB1 funds are critical and necessary to repair #California's roads & bridges. Eliminating transportation funding means numerous local projects may not move ahead, such as [insert city/county projects currently underway]

#California's #transportation improvements have always been funded by motorist user-fees. Gas tax revenue is 100% dedicated to improving our roads & bridges and is critical funding to help our crumbling infrastructure. #RebuildingCA