

Nevada Association of Counties Resolution
#08-05

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR NEVADA'S
ROADS AND HIGHWAYS**

WHEREAS, Nevada's cities and counties are the stewards for thousands of miles of roads and streets that are not part of the state and Federal highway system, and the roads upon which Nevada's citizens and visitors travel provide the lifeblood of the development and growth of their communities, and

WHEREAS, a number of Nevada's cities and counties have experienced significant growth since 1991, doubling the state's population and the number of vehicle miles traveled creating unprecedented demands for hundreds of miles of new roads, and

WHEREAS, costs of building, repairing and reconstructing roads have increased by more than 40% over the past five years due to extraordinary inflation in the cost of raw materials required for road construction, and

WHEREAS, federal highway funding is no longer able to keep up with the ever increasing demands of Nevada and other states, and

WHEREAS, the safety of Nevada citizens and tourists and their ability to travel safely on Nevada's thoroughfares while reducing pollution caused by traffic congestion is a primary concern, and

WHEREAS, all Nevada governments responsible for road maintenance and construction need revenue sources which respond to inflation, when practicable, and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Research Board has found that delaying required maintenance results in reconstructing roads at approximately four times the cost of resurfacing them, and

WHEREAS, it is the fiduciary responsibility of all local elected officials to make every effort to have this new construction maintenance and repair done at the least possible cost to our taxpayers, and

WHEREAS, Nevada's cities and counties worked closely with the state transportation officials, elected officials and concerned citizens in earlier efforts to secure funding increases for state and local roads in the 1981 and 1991 sessions of the Nevada state legislature, the last time adjustments were made, now

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that NACO urges the legislature and governor to make it the highest priority to enact legislation in the first 45 days of the 2009 legislative session to generate new sources of dedicated, long term, sustained funding for road construction, maintenance and repairs so that a certain heavier burden on Nevada taxpayers can be avoided in subsequent legislative sessions. It is imperative that these funds not be diverted from other priority needs at the local or state level, and

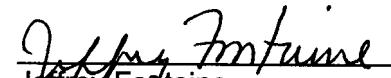
THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NACO supports research on alternative funding methods, including possible public/private partnerships, to address future fiscal transportation needs, and


THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor of Nevada, the Majority Leader of the Nevada Senate, the Speaker of the Nevada Assembly, the Minority Leaders of the Nevada Senate and Assembly, and the Chairmen of the Nevada Senate and Assembly Committees on Transportation, and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that NACO urges county boards of commissioners and supervisors to adopt a similar resolution supporting additional funding for Nevada's roads and highways.

Passed, Approved and Adopted this 30th day of May, 2008 by the Board of Directors of the Nevada Association of Counties.

Attest:


Jeffrey Fontaine
Executive Director


Jim Baushke
President

