



Memorandum

TO: MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Councilmember Donald Rocha

SUBJECT: ITEM 6.1

DATE: May 6, 2014

Approved

Date

5/6/14

RECOMMENDATION

Accept the staff recommendation and send a letter to Senator Beall informing him of the actions taken by the City of San Jose as a result of the passage of AB 1670.

ANALYSIS

It is always important to acknowledge good work when it is done, and especially important to acknowledge work done by members of our local delegation when there is a specific benefit to San Jose. Senator Jim Beall has been instrumental in initiating the State process for relinquishment of these roads and procuring the State funding necessary for this project through AB 1670. AB 1670 allowed the city of San Jose to take over local control of Monterey Road, The Alameda, and Alum Rock Avenue from the state Department of Transportation giving the city of San Jose control of these highway segments. Local control of these segments allows the City to pursue economic development and community enhancements including pedestrian improvements without the constraints of Caltrans' requirements. Most importantly, AB 1670 enabled the city to receive over \$12 million of federal funds that would have gone to Caltrans to perform maintenance in these areas.

With a mounting backlog of pavement maintenance needs we should be thankful that we were able to find a common sense solution for a significant portion of our major street network involved in this project, and that our local State Representative was able to make it so. We should thank Senator Beall, the staff and Commissioners of the California Transportation Commission and our staff that engaged in this process to ensure that our respective agencies worked together for the benefit of San Jose residents. With this action, these major streets will finally be deemed in "good repair" and the way to San Jose will be a much smoother ride for residents and guests alike.