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CONSENT CALENDAR
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To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
 From: Councilmembers Kriss Worthington and Sophie Hahn
 Subject: Opposition to the Repealing of SB 1

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council oppose the 2018 Initiative and Referendum that advocate for the repealing of SB 1 which ensures funding for state and local transportation projects.

BACKGROUND:

SB 1 was approved by Governor Jerry Brown on April 28, 2017. The bill was designed to generate about 5.2 billion dollars per year for local and state mass transportation systems, bike lanes, congestion-reduction, and road and bridge repair projects.

Cities in California are especially prone to severe traffic problems. Bay Area drivers waste hours on congested roads, contributing to rising carbon emission levels. The lack of bike lanes and mass transportation options discourages environmentally-friendly travel methods, and makes transportation less affordable for constituents. It is crucial that we support bills such as SB-1, as they secure funding for transportation projects that are necessary to maintaining and improving California's infrastructure.

A proposal to repeal SB 1 was drafted by Assemblyman Travis Allen, who is currently collecting 3,650,000 signatures from registered voters in order to qualify a ballot measure opting for the repeal of the bill. The repealing of SB 1 would disrupt local government progress on related traffic projects due to the withdrawal of funding. It is important for Berkeley to protect projects that improve transportation for residents in California by opposing the referendum and initiative for the repealing of SB 1. Keep SB 1, transportation for everyone.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Minimal.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY:

Consistent with Berkeley's Environmental Sustainability Goals and no negative impact.

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LINK TO INITIATIVE TO REPEAL SB-1:

https://oag.ca.gov/system/files/initiatives/pdfs/17-0004%20%28Repeal%20Gas%20Tax%29_0.pdf

