

RESOLUTION NO. 05-08

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS EXPRESSING
SUPPORT FOR SB 680 (SIMITIAN) SANTA CLARA COUNTY TRAFFIC RELIEF
LEGISLATION**

WHEREAS, Santa Clara County is a county within the State of California; and

WHEREAS, Santa Clara County is the largest and most populous county in Northern California with highly urbanized, rural, and mountainous areas; and

WHEREAS, the locally owned and operated County Expressway system, local arterials and rural county roads are the workhorses of Santa Clara County's road system, carrying the vast majority of all trips by all modes other than rail; and

WHEREAS, the Caltrain rail system relieves pressure on Santa Clara County's local roadway by replacing medium distance auto trips; and

WHEREAS, the County Expressways, local arterials, county roads and the Caltrain system are in need of improvement, modernization and upgrades to the traffic signal systems; and

WHEREAS, the lack of adequate litter control and landscaping restoration on the state highways and County Expressway systems is creating aesthetic and environmental problems;

WHEREAS, state and federal funding for transportation projects have been inadequate to meet Santa Clara County's transportation needs and current local funding sources are inadequate to fill the gap; and

WHEREAS, additional counties within the State of California have enacted temporary supplements to the Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF) levied on vehicles registered within their borders to meet local transportation needs; and

WHEREAS, SB 680 proposes a five-dollar (\$5) supplement to the VRF on vehicles registered within Santa Clara County for a term of eight (8) years; and

WHEREAS, SB 680 proposes to use these funds for local transportation system improvements on the County Expressway System, local arterials, rural county roads and the Caltrain system and for litter control and landscape restoration on state highways and County Expressways; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Altos is an incorporated City within Santa Clara County and wishes to submit a formal resolution of support to the State Legislature for SB 680:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Los Altos supports the goals of SB 680 and encourages the California State Legislature to adopt and the Governor of California to sign SB 680 into law.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this resolution was duly introduced and adopted at the Regular Meeting of the Los Altos City Council on the 12th day of April, 2005, by the following vote:

AYES: COLE, MOSS, PACKARD, LEAR, CASAS
NOES NONE
ABSENT NONE

APPROVED:

David Casas, MAYOR

ATTEST:


Susan Kitchens, CITY CLERK