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To the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors:

Can we please prioritize road resurfacing in the budget this year? Last year the majority of supervisors voted against proposals to improve road budgets.

The county roads have long been neglected in the budget set by the Supervisors. The status quo has been to patch endless potholes, and deal with catastrophic failures after they happen, but not do any sealing or repaving. For this year can we please resume resurfacing efforts? Austerity to non-road programs is an acceptable trade off. Roads promised paving have had plans cancelled due to budget reprioritization.

While sealing and paving roads is more expensive, it will reduce the needs and costs for pothole repair and catastrophic road failures. Roads will only get more expensive the longer this work is neglected. Water penetrating cracked and failed road surfaces promotes catastrophic failures which are far more costly and disruptive to the taxpayers.

Santa Cruz County should acquire it's own chip sealing machines to enable affordable resurfacing from traditional paving like adjacent counties do for rural roads.

Better roads advances social goals for the environment and equity. Better roads will encourage more bicycle riding, and improve transportation for lower income persons and emergency response access.

Sincerely,  
Kris Hubby

