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**To: Lemoore City Council**  
**From: Lauren Apone, Administrative Analyst**  
**Date: May 10, 2011**  
**Subject: Support Letter for AB 890**

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**Discussion:**

AB 890 (Olsen and Perea) is much needed legislation that proposes to exempt any roadway improvement project or activity that is undertaken by a city and/or county within an "existing road right-of-way" for the purposes of minor roadway improvements from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Presently, these types of projects need to undergo CEQA review prior to construction.

AB 890 will allow cities and counties to quickly deliver projects that address public safety concerns. This bill offers much needed flexibility to meet the requirements of CEQA when making modest improvements to existing roadways. This bill will also allow timely and maximum use of resources on actual roadway improvements while still protecting the environment. Cities and counties will benefit from this exemption because it will decrease project costs, improve responsiveness to safety concerns, and speed up the planning/construction time for minor roadway improvements.

**Budget Impact:**

None.

**Recommendation:**

It is recommended that Council support AB 890 and authorize the Mayor to sign the attached support letter.