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### ***Commissioners Extend Impact Fee Suspension***

In hopes of encouraging continued growth in Santa Rosa County, commissioners voted today to extend the suspension of transportation impact fees for the third year, through December 2011. Any new construction, residential or commercial, which would normally be assessed a transportation impact fee during the building permit process in 2009, 2010 or 2011 will have impact fees waived. Those paying installments will be required to make payments for 2010 and 2011. Commissioners will address the suspension again in December 2011 for the following years.

At a commission workshop on January 29, 2009 the Santa Rosa County Board of Commissioners originally voted to suspend the collection of transportation impact fees for the 2009 calendar year as an incentive to stimulate new local construction projects. Considering the current national downturn in the economy and high unemployment, commissioners understand the need to create employment opportunities, including in the construction industry. Commissioners hope that the savings recognized from the suspension will act as an economic stimulus.

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