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Mr. Mitch Weiss

Executive Director

California Transportation Commission

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RE: **Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021**

 **Highway Infrastructure Programs Funding Distribution**

Dear Executive Director Weiss:

I am writing on behalf of the Your Agency Here, to commend CTC staff for their tireless and ongoing coordination to reach an equitable and effective methodology for the distribution and administration
of transportation funding made available through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 (CRRSAA).The outreach from CTC staff reached across all of California’s regions including those small rural counties who are often overlooked due to their distant locales and small populations. This effort is very much appreciated by Your Agency Here and we look forward
to continuing this level of engagement and coordination on future transportation funding and policy issues.

Your Agency Here fully supports the proposed 60% to State and 40% to regional agencies split of the $911 million in funding as this represents a long-standing and critical commitment to supporting the maintenance and operation of the state transportation system which all users of the system rely upon. Of the three scenarios discussed for the remaining $365 million, Your Agency Here supports: Choose 1 100% STIP Distribution, 100% STBGP Distribution, or a Hybrid Split of 50% through STIP and 50% through STBGP for distribution to the regional agencies.

Distribution of funds through this methodology provides the most equitable and effective means of investing in our infrastructure needs while responding to the impacts of a pandemic and putting the funding to work as quickly as possible. This approach will provide Your Agency Here with a balance
of unanticipated funding worthy of making real improvements in our community(ies) and ensuring geographic equity of the covid response windfall across the state. Should the CTC choose another approach, Your Agency Here requests that at a minimum flexibility be given to small rural agencies such as ours to best provide opportunities to utilize the funds in a manner which can truly stimulate our social and economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Your Agency Here is grateful to the CTC staff who have worked hand in hand with us to identify
these equitable approaches to investing these much-needed stimulus funds. We are committed to invest these funds as quickly and efficiently as possible and help California recover from the many social and economic impacts of COVID-19.

Regards,