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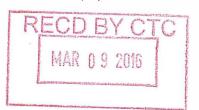


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Mr. Bob Alvarado, Chair California Transportation Commission Mail Station 52 1120 N Street Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: 2016 State Highway Operations and Protection Program

Please accept this letter as support for California Transportation Commission's approval of the 2016 State Highway Operations and Protection Program (SHOPP). As the legislative representatives serving Butte County, we support <u>all</u> Butte County projects identified in the draft SHOPP. Also, we'd like to highlight the State Route 70 Project at post miles 16.2/25.8 described as "PPNO: 9819 - Near Marysville, from Laurellen Road to South Honcut Creek Bridge. Widen shoulders and improve clear recovery zone."

This project is very important for Yuba and Butte County's as it will address a significant safety concern associated with this section of the State Route 70 Corridor which is heavily used by agriculture and interregional travel. The much needed scope of the project is to widen the 2 lane highway with a new center turn lane and shoulders for an approximate distance of 9.6 miles. Highway 70 is a major goods movement trucking route for the region and subject to many head-on fatalities. This portion of the SR 70 is also part of the National Highway System (NHS). This safety project has been needed for a long time and we would like to extend our joint support for the approval of the 2016 SHOPP.

We thank you for the consideration.

Sincerely,

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