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Mike Woodman, Chair

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Mitch Weis, Executive Director
California Transportation Commission
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Subject: Support for Active Transportation Program Expanded Outreach Efforts

Dear Mr. Weis:

The North State Super Region (NSSR), formalized through a memorandum of agreement on October 20, 2010, represents a partnership between the sixteen northern California Regional Transportation Planning Agencies and Metropolitan Planning Organizations, to provide a unified voice when addressing state and federal transportation funding and policy decisions and establish coordination of transportation planning efforts.

The NSSR would like to express their appreciation and support of the California Transportation Commission’s (CTC) expanded outreach efforts for the Active Transportation Program (ATP). The NSSR found the ATP branch workshops as an effective method to engage rural agencies and provide them a platform to better understand the parameters of the program, receive valuable insight on the preparation of successful ATP applications, and obtain information on available resources. This forum also provides a unique opportunity to the CTC ATP team to engage with rural agencies and receive feedback on challenges and needs that might not be otherwise provided under the traditional outreach methods.

The NSSR strongly supports the flexibility and broadening of the ATP project scoring metrics, recently included within ATP guidance and scoring rubrics. The inclusion and consideration of safety metrics to be used to rank projects in the recent 2021 scoring rubric will help to illustrate the need for a rural ATP projects.

The NSSR looks forward to continuing to participate with CTC staff in efforts to improve implementation of all of the SB 1 program, as well as highlight the significance and value of the resulting
investments made to the transportation system. Investment in the state’s rural transportation infrastructure is critical in supporting rural economies and disadvantaged communities. Your team’s outreach efforts and support have enhanced the coordination and facilitated valuable input and is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Mike Woodman, Deputy Executive Director
Nevada County Transportation Commission
Chair, North State Super Region
Chair Von Konynenburg and Commissioners
California Transportation Commission
By e-mail to: 
CTC@catc.ca.gov

Dear Chair Konynenburg and Commissioners:

Metro is in support of the staff recommendations for the adoption of the State Transportation Improvement Program, and the guidelines for the Active Transportation Program, Local Partnership Program, and Trade Corridors Enhancement Program (Items 11-12, 15-16, and 18-21) scheduled for adoption at the March 25th CTC meeting. CTC staff did an excellent job with conducting outreach and overall willingness to work together as well as exercise leadership on several significant issues surrounding the guidelines. We would like to especially thank you and Commission staff for your work to include necessary INFRA trigger language in the TCEP guidelines. Should you have questions, please contact Michael Cano at (213) 418-3010.

Sincerely,

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