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Mr. Mitch Weiss
 Executive Director
 California Transportation Commission
 1120 N Street
 Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for SB 1 Cycle 3 Program Guidelines

Dear Mr. Weiss:

On behalf of the Rural Counties Task Force, I would like to express support for adoption of the guidelines for Cycle 3 of the Senate Bill 1 programs. The Local Partnership Program, Solutions for Congested Corridors Program and Trade Corridor Enhancement Program are important to rural regions as they allow us to deliver a variety of critical projects that we wouldn't otherwise be able to fund with the very limited amounts of formula funding that rural agencies receive. Projects funded by these programs benefit not only local residents, but people from all over California and beyond traveling to and through our regions.

The Rural Counties Task Force and its member agencies have been actively engaged in the development of these Cycle 3 SB 1 programs guidelines. We greatly appreciate the extensive opportunities for input and transparent process conducted by the California Transportation Commission staff throughout development of guidelines. We are pleased to see the inclusion of issues that are particularly relevant to rural regions, such as throughput on emergency evacuation corridors and ZEV energy storage to enhance resilience during power disruptions.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. We encourage approval of the guidelines as they reflect an open and comprehensive engagement effort.

Sincerely,



Nephele Barrett
 Chair, Rural Counties Task Force