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Darnell Grisby  
Chair  
California Transportation Commission  
1120 N Street MS-52  
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**RE: Support for Approval of 2026 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)**

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Respectfully,

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Debi Bray, President/CEO  
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# American Honey Producers Association

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Dear Chair Grisby,

On behalf of Valley Children's Healthcare, we respectfully submit our strong support for the inclusion of funding for State Route 99 (SR 99), including the South Madera 6 Lane Project (Avenue 7 to Avenue 12) and the North Madera 6 Lane Project (Avenue 17 to Avenue 21), in the 2026 Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP), and urge your approval of the 2026 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

Valley Children's Healthcare is the only comprehensive pediatric primary and specialty care network located in Central California. Our main campus in Madera serves children and families across the Central Valley and beyond, including many from rural and underserved communities. For thousands of families each year, SR 99 is the primary corridor connecting them to life-saving and specialized pediatric care.

Highway 99 plays a critical role in ensuring that children needing emergency transport, advanced specialty services, surgical care, oncology treatment, neonatal intensive care, and other complex services can access our hospital as quickly and safely as possible. Traffic congestion, bottlenecks, and safety concerns along SR 99 can significantly impact travel time for families in crisis and emergency responders transporting critically ill or injured children. Improvements to SR 99 will enhance safety, reduce congestion, and strengthen this essential healthcare access corridor between Fresno and Madera.

The South Madera Project's planned safety enhancements, additional lanes, median improvements, and infrastructure upgrades will directly benefit patients and families traveling to our campus. Similarly, advancing the North Madera 6 Lane Project through environmental and design phases represents continued progress toward improving a vital north-south artery that supports timely access to pediatric specialty care.

More than 70% of Madera County residents live in disadvantaged communities. Many of the families we serve rely heavily on safe, efficient highway access to reach appointments, ongoing

treatment, and emergency services. These infrastructure investments are aligned with broader regional goals to improve safety, reduce emissions, and support equitable access to essential services — including healthcare.

For these reasons, Valley Children's Healthcare respectfully urges the California Transportation Commission to adopt the 2026 STIP and include full funding for these critical SR 99 improvements.

Thank you for your consideration and for your commitment to infrastructure investments that protect and serve California's children and families.

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Lynne Ashbeck  
Senior Vice President and Chief Community Impact Officer



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Kristina Gallagher  
Executive Director



## OFFICE OF ENGINEERING

March 9, 2026

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California Transportation Commission  
1120 N Street MS-52  
Sacramento, CA 95814

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Arnoldo Rodriguez  
City Manager



March 4, 2026

Darnell Grisby, Chair  
California Transportation Commission  
1120 N Street MS-52  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
RE: Support Approval of 2026 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

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Dominic Tyburski, P.E., MPA  
Director of Public Works



**SARA BOSSE**  
Public Health Director

**SIMON PAUL, M.D.**  
Health Officer

March 1, 2026

Darnell Grisby, Chair  
California Transportation Commission  
1120 N Street MS-52  
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Sara Bosse  
Public Health Director

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Simon Paul, MD  
Public Health Officer



March 10, 2026

Darnell Grisby, Chair  
California Transportation Commission  
1120 N Street MS-52  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support Approval of 2026 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

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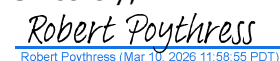
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Sincerely,

  
Robert Poythress (Mar 10, 2026 11:58:55 PDT)

Robert Poythress, Chair  
Madera County Transportation Commission



March 13, 2026

Clarissa Falcon  
Chair, California Transportation Commission  
1120 N Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: 2026 State Transportation Improvement Program Staff Recommendations  
SUPPORT FOR SR 99 PROGRAMMING**

Dear Chair Falcon:

The Madera County Transportation Commission (MCTC), Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG), and Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG), which jointly and collaboratively advocate for funding to finish State Route 99 (SR 99), support the California Transportation Commission's staff recommendations for the 2026 State Transportation Improvement Program (2026 STIP). Specifically, the proposed 2026 STIP investments in SR 99 that will help deliver a safe, efficient, and multimodal corridor benefiting our residents, the San Joaquin Valley, and the entire State of California, including:

**North Madera 6 Lane**

The 2026 STIP proposes \$17.9 million to advance environmental, design, and right-of-way activities for the North Madera 6 Lane carryover project. These improvements will relieve congestion, improve freight movement, and bolster the agricultural economy, while enabling future implementation of the Managed Lanes Strategy.

**Tulare SR 99 Corridor & Paige Avenue Multimodal Interchange**

The 2026 STIP includes \$3.9 million for environmental and design work to advance this critical carryover project. The interchange will improve travel-time reliability, enhance connectivity, and deliver new bicycle, pedestrian, and ADA infrastructure where none currently exists – key components needed to support the Managed Lanes Strategy and SR 99 CMCP.

**South Madera 6 Lane**

The 2026 STIP proposes an additional \$5.3 million investment for environmental and construction activities for the South Madera 6 Lane carryover project. The improvements will benefit surrounding disadvantaged communities by strengthening access to jobs, education, services, and major production centers, while also supporting corridor-wide mobility.

**Managed Lanes Strategy**

While the draft 2026 ITIP proposed \$7.7 million to begin implementing a Managed Lanes Strategy consistent with the SR 99 Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan (CMCP), the 2026 STIP moved this

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SR 99 serves as the backbone of the San Joaquin Valley and a vital north–south goods movement corridor for California. For this reason, we strongly support the CTC’s staff recommendations and urge the Commission to approve the 2026 STIP during the March CTC meeting. Should you have any questions about our position on the 2026 STIP or the Finish the 99 Coalition, please contact Kiana Valentine, SR 99 Coalition’s legislative advocate at (916) 266-3892 or [kiana@politicogroup.com](mailto:kiana@politicogroup.com).

Sincerely,



Stacie Guzman  
Executive Director  
Merced County Association of Governments



Ted Smalley  
Executive Director  
Tulare County Association of Governments



Patricia Taylor  
Executive Director  
Madera County Transportation Commission

cc: Toks Omishakin, Secretary, California State Transportation Agency  
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March 3, 2026

Darnell Grisby, Chair  
California Transportation Commission  
1120 N Street MS-52  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support Approval of 2026 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

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Respectfully,

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Debi Bray, President/CEO  
[dbray@maderachamber.com](mailto:dbray@maderachamber.com)



February 26, 2026

Darnell Grisby, Chair  
California Transportation Commission  
1120 N Street MS-52  
Sacramento, CA 95814

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Kristina Gallagher  
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## NORTH FORK RANCHERIA OF MONO INDIANS OF CALIFORNIA

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March 12, 2026

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California Transportation Commission  
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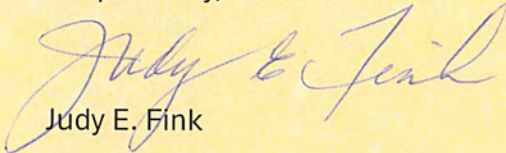
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Judy E. Fink

Tribal Council Chairperson

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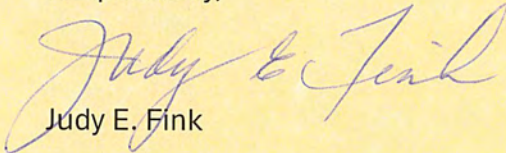
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March 17, 2026

Commissioner Clarissa Falcon, Chair  
 California Transportation Commission  
 1120 N Street MS 52  
 Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Central Coast Coalition Support for CTC 2024 STIP Staff Recommendations**

Dear Chair Falcon & Members of the California Transportation Commission:

The Central Coast Coalition strongly supports the California Transportation Commission (CTC) staff recommendations for the 2026 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). We thank Commission staff for their collaborative effort to work with the California Department of Transportation and California's Regional Transportation Planning Agencies on our submittals to the CTC.

As the area's Regional Transportation Planning Agencies in San Benito, Santa Cruz, Monterey, San Luis Obispo, and Santa Barbara counties, with the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments, we highly value the STIP revenues and the investment by the CTC.

These funds will help deliver truly transformative multimodal transportation projects in our region that support state climate and equity goals included in the Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure. As shown in the table below, projects include improvements to our highways, local roads, rail and active transportation that will improve mobility and help California with the movement of vital goods and services. For many of us, the recommended 2026 STIP funding will serve as another critical fund source that we use in addition to other federal, state and local funding programs, including Senate Bill 1 (SB1) to help us deliver the projects listed below. Recommended STIP Projects seeking SB1 Cycle 5 funding are identified with an asterisk.

<b>Sponsor Agencies and Projects</b>	<b>CTC Staff Recommendation</b>
<b>San Luis Obispo Council of Governments</b>	
• SR46/U.S. 101 Interchange Improvements *	\$171 thousand
• SR46E Antelope Grade 4 Lane Expressway, Segment 2 *	\$2.000 million
• U.S. 101/Prado Rd. Interchange*	\$3.500 million
• Bob Jones Trail Extension (SLO to Five Cities) Segment 2	\$7.350 million
• SR 1/SR 41 Interchange improvements	\$5.200 million
<b>Santa Barbara County Association of Governments</b>	
• U.S. 101/State Route 135 Interchange Improvements	\$8.265 million
<b>Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission</b>	
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• Glen Arbor Road Sidewalk	\$2.1 million
• Felton/SLV Schools Complete Streets Enhancement	\$1.8 million



**Central Coast Coalition**  
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emergency Routes, Empire Grade/Bear Creek Rd, resurface, Ph2</li> </ul>	\$3.626 million
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<b>Transportation Agency for Monterey County</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scenic State Route 68 - Phase 1*</li> </ul>	\$6.149 million
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>U.S. 101 South of Salinas - Chualar Segment *</li> </ul>	\$18.847 million
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pajaro Multimodal Station</li> </ul>	\$8.871 million
<b>California Department of Transportation</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Route 46 Convert Expwy, Antelope Grade Child Segment 1</li> </ul>	\$47.990 million
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>King City Multimodal Transportation Center</li> </ul>	\$9.106 million

\* 2026 STIP Projects requesting SB1 Cycle 5 funding.

We strongly support the CTC staff recommendations and urge the Commission to approve the funding at their March 26, 2026 meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact SBCAG Director of Programming, Sarkes Khachek, at (209) 402-4445 or by email at [skhachek@sbcag.org](mailto:skhachek@sbcag.org)

We greatly appreciate our partnership with Commissioners and CTC staff.

Sincerely,

Marjie Kirn, Executive Director  
 Santa Barbara Association of Governments

Pete Rodgers, Executive Director  
 San Luis Obispo Council of Governments

Todd Muck, Executive Director  
 Transportation Agency for Monterey County

Sarah Christensen, Executive Director  
 Santa Cruz Co. Regional Transportation Commission

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## Central Coast Coalition

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cc: Mr. Toks Omishakin, Secretary, California State Transportation Agency  
Ms. Tanisha Taylor, Executive Director, California Transportation Commission  
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Mr. Scott Eades, District 5 Director, California Department of Transportation  
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Ms. Sheila Ennes, Associate Deputy Director, California Transportation Commission  
Mr. Darron Hill, Deputy District Director, California Department of Transportation  
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Dear Chair Falcon and Members of the California Transportation Commission,

I am a resident of San Pablo and I urge the CTC to not spend STIP funding on highway widening projects in my county and to instead allocate additional resources to support any unfunded active transportation projects in the region.

As a resident of California, I breathe some of the dirtiest air in the entire nation. This leaves me and my family more susceptible to diseases such as asthma, heart disease, and lung cancer. I also struggle with some of the worst traffic and some of the highest transportation costs. These problems only are further exacerbated by our state choosing to fund highway expansion projects that only serve to further increase traffic and worsen our quality of life.

At the same time, projects exist in our state that would actually help reduce traffic yet continuously go unfunded. These projects would build more walking and biking improvements in my community and would allow people like me to be able to walk or bike to their destination without having to drive. Having the option not to drive would save my family gas money and help us become more physically healthy. Additionally, by freeing up more space on our roads, these projects would allow me to spend more time with my family instead of being stuck in traffic, and help improve our air quality.

Carol Schaffer

**From:** [Jill Cloutier](#)  
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Dear Chair Falcon and Members of the California Transportation Commission,

I am a resident of Santa Barbara County and I urge the CTC not to spend STIP funding on highway widening projects and instead allocate additional resources to support any unfunded active transportation projects in the state.

As a resident of California, I breathe some of the dirtiest air in the entire nation. This leaves me and my family more susceptible to diseases such as asthma, heart disease, and lung cancer. I also struggle with some of the worst traffic and some of the highest transportation costs. These problems are further exacerbated by our state choosing to fund highway expansion projects that increase traffic and worsen our quality of life. At the same time, projects in our state that would help reduce traffic remain unfunded. These projects would build more walking and biking improvements in my community and allow people like me to walk or bike to their destination, without driving. Having alternatives to driving, would save my family gas money and help us become more physically healthy. By freeing up more space on our roads, these projects would allow me to spend more time with my family instead of being stuck in traffic, and help improve our air quality.

I urge the CTC to consider funding more active transportation projects and to stop funding highway widening projects.

Thank you for choosing to help improve our state with investments into greener projects over highways.

Sincerely,  
Jill Cloutier

**From:** [Jay Ross](#)  
**To:** [Remedios, Douglas@CATC](mailto:Remedios.Douglas@CATC)  
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Clarissa Reyes Falcon  
Chair, California Transportation Commission  
1120 N Street MS 52  
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**RE: Comments on the 2026 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)**

To Chair Falcon and CTC,

CTC should NOT spend STIP funding on highway widening projects in any California county and instead you should allocate additional resources to support any unfunded active transportation projects in the region.

As a resident of California, I breathe some of the dirtiest air in the entire nation. This leaves me and my family more susceptible to diseases such as asthma, heart disease, and lung cancer. I also struggle with some of the worst traffic and some of the highest transportation costs. These problems only are further exacerbated by our state choosing to fund highway expansion projects that only serve to further increase traffic and worsen our quality of life.

At the same time, projects exist in our state that would actually help reduce traffic yet continuously go unfunded. These projects would build more walking and biking improvements in my community and would allow people like me to be able to walk or bike to their destination without having to drive. Having the option not to drive would save my family gas money and help us become more physically healthy. Additionally, by freeing up more space on our roads, these projects would allow me to spend more time with my family instead of being stuck in traffic, and help improve our air quality.

I urge the CTC to consider funding more active transportation projects and to stop funding highway widening projects, especially in my region. Thank you for choosing to help improve my community with investments into greener projects over highways.

Don't be fooled from lies from Big Oil and contractors (who wanted in the past to pave over that beautiful Orange County park for a freeway through the forest, and lied that it would have no impact.... paving over paradise like this will not create new jobs. Just as many jobs are created by building subway cars).

Sincerely,

**J. Ross**

**West LA 90064**

**From:** [Amir Baum](#)  
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Honorable Clarissa Reyes Falcon

Chair, California Transportation Commission

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Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Comments on the 2026 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

Dear Chair Falcon and Members of the California Transportation Commission,

I am a resident of Orange County, CA and I urge the CTC to not spend STIP funding on highway widening projects in my county and to instead allocate additional resources to support any unfunded active transportation projects in the region.

As a resident of California, I breathe some of the dirtiest air in the entire nation. This leaves me and my family more susceptible to diseases such as asthma, heart disease, and lung cancer. I also struggle with some of the worst traffic and some of the highest transportation costs. These problems only are further exacerbated by our state choosing to fund highway expansion projects that only serve to further increase traffic and worsen our quality of life.

At the same time, projects exist in our state that would actually help reduce traffic yet continuously go unfunded. These projects would build more walking and biking improvements in my community and would allow people like me to be able to walk or bike to their destination without having to drive. Having the option not to drive would save my family gas money and help us become more physically healthy. Additionally, by freeing up more space on our roads, these projects would allow me to spend more time with my family instead of being stuck in traffic, and help improve our air quality.

My work commute from a Aliso Viejo to Santa Ana has me sitting in traffic, which is being made worse by highway projects in my region. I support measures that actually reduce traffic because any way to reduce the amount of time I am in traffic is a good thing to reduce stress and my personal exposures to any harmful contaminants from vehicular traffic, which has been shown to cause asthma and very harmful lung ailments from long term exposures.

Furthermore and most importantly, I would like my eight year old son to be able to grow up, breathing, clean air and being safe on our streets is a minimum that we need in order to maintain a good quality of life. In our city and I want him to be able to feel safe where we live. We deserve that at a minimum and that's why government agencies should be serving the

public interest, but not private interests because that is a complete and utter betrayal of the public trust.

I urge the CTC to consider funding more active transportation projects and to stop funding highway widening projects, especially in my region. Orange County is planning to fund the I-5 Managed Lanes Project, which would add at least one HOV lane in each direction. This project will pull riders off the parallel Metrolink and Amtrak rail services, and undermine any progress the other active transportation, transit, and rail projects will have on improving air quality and reducing GHG emissions in the region. Instead, I ask that the funding be used to fund the Monroe Elementary and Edison Elementary SRTS Project, which would ensure that children are safe walking to and from school.

Thank you for choosing to help improve my community with investments into greener projects over highways.

Sincerely,

Amir Baum

Resident of Aliso Viejo, CA

**From:** [Giuliano](#)  
**To:** [Remedios, Douglas@CATC](mailto:Remedios.Douglas@CATC)  
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Honorable Clarissa Reyes Falcon  
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Chair Falcon and Members of the California Transportation Commission,

I am a resident of San Mateo County and I urge the CTC to not spend STIP funding on highway widening projects in my county and to instead allocate additional resources to support any unfunded active transportation projects in the region. These include the many "stealth widening projects" that exist. For example, the 101/92 connector project specifically claims that it is not a widening project. That is a lie. It also specifically admits that its purpose is to increase throughput, and that it will do so by adding new lanes.

As a resident of California, I breathe some of the dirtiest air in the entire nation. This leaves me and my family more susceptible to diseases such as asthma, heart disease, and lung cancer. I also struggle with some of the worst traffic and some of the highest transportation costs. These problems only are further exacerbated by our state choosing to fund highway expansion projects that only serve to further increase traffic and worsen our quality of life.

Cars are the least efficient transit mode. Mass transit, cycling, micro-mobility, and walking are all more efficient. They all have higher person throughput, they all have vastly lower GHG and pollution emissions. Autonomous vehicles just move the driver to a passenger seat, it's still the same trip. EVs total life cycle emissions are roughly 50% or ICE cars. Better, but still part of the problem and not part of the solution. We need to move folks to mass transit, the most efficient long distance mode. We need to move folks to cycling, the most efficient mid distance mode. We need to move folks to walking, the most efficient short distance mode. And we need to move folks to cycling and walking for first/last 3 miles.

Projects exist in our state that would actually help reduce traffic yet continuously go unfunded. These projects would build more walking and biking improvements in my community and would allow people like me to be able to walk or bike to their destination without having to drive. Having the option not to drive would save my family gas money and help us become more physically healthy. Additionally, by freeing up more space on our roads, these projects would allow me to spend more time with my family instead of being stuck in traffic, and help improve our air quality.

Thank you,

Giuliano Carlini

**From:** [AJ](#)  
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Dear Chair Falcon and Members of the California Transportation Commission,

I urge the CTC to not spend STIP funding on highway widening projects in rural Californian counties and to instead allocate additional resources to support any unfunded active transportation projects in the region.

As a resident of California, I breathe some of the dirtiest air in the entire nation. This leaves me and my family more susceptible to diseases such as asthma, heart disease, and lung cancer. I also struggle with some of the worst traffic and some of the highest transportation costs. These problems only are further exacerbated by our state choosing to fund highway expansion projects that only serve to further increase traffic and worsen our quality of life.

At the same time, projects exist in our state that would actually help reduce traffic yet continuously go unfunded. These projects would build more walking and biking improvements in my community and would allow people like me to be able to walk or bike to their destination without having to drive. Having the option not to drive would save my family gas money and help us become more physically healthy. Additionally, by freeing up more space on our roads, these projects would allow me to spend more time with my family instead of being stuck in traffic, and help improve our air quality.

I urge the CTC to consider funding more active transportation projects and to stop funding highway widening projects throughout the state. Thank you for choosing to help improve my community with investments into greener projects over highways.

Sincerely,

AJ cho

Sent via [Wildhero](#) - email that plants trees.

**From:** [Dominic Bendinelli](#)  
**To:** [Remedios, Douglas@CATC](mailto:Remedios.Douglas@CATC)  
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Dear Chair Falcon and Members of the California Transportation Commission,

I am a resident of Buena Park, Orange County and I urge the CTC to not spend STIP funding on highway widening projects in my county (SR-57 and I-5) and to instead allocate additional resources to support any unfunded and underfunded active transportation projects in the region.

As a resident of California, I breathe some of the dirtiest air in the entire nation. This leaves me and my family more susceptible to diseases such as asthma, heart disease, and lung cancer. I also struggle with some of the worst traffic and some of the highest transportation costs. These problems only are further exacerbated by our state choosing to fund highway expansion projects that only serve to further increase traffic and worsen our quality of life.

At the same time, projects exist in our state that would actually help reduce traffic yet continuously go unfunded. These projects would build more walking and biking improvements in my community and would allow people like me to be able to walk or bike to their destination without having to drive. Having the option not to drive would save my family gas money and help us become more physically healthy. Additionally, by freeing up more space on our roads, these projects would allow me to spend more time with my family instead of being stuck in traffic, and help improve our air quality.

My mother-in-law passed away in 2023 from lung cancer, after never having smoked a day in her life. The doctors best explanation was exposure to transportation emissions. We live close to the 91 and adjacent a major arterial street. I hope and pray that my children are given the chance at life with clean air and little to no transportation emissions. I wish for them to have alternative routes to school than solely by car. Walking, biking,

scootering or skating should not be activities that require one to put their life at risk from vehicular assault, but a safe and accessible option for all.

I urge the CTC to consider funding more active transportation projects and to stop funding highway widening projects, especially in Orange County. Orange County is planning to fund the I-5 Managed Lanes Project, which would add at least one HOV lane in each direction. This project will pull riders off the parallel Metrolink and Amtrak rail services, and undermine any progress the other active transportation, transit, and rail projects will have on improving air quality and reducing GHG emissions in the region. Instead, I ask that the funding instead be used to fund the Monroe Elementary and Edison Elementary SRTS Project, which would ensure that children are safe walking to and from school. Thank you for choosing to help improve my community with investments into greener projects over highways.

Sincerely,

Dominic Bendinelli

Resident of Buena Park, Orange County