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The Honorable Laura Friedman
Member, California State Assembly
1021 O Street, Suite 8220
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Assembly Bill 2438 (Friedman): Local transportation funding: alignment with state plans - OPPOSE

Dear Assembly Member Friedman,

On behalf of the City of Beaumont, I write in opposition to AB 2438 (Friedman). As written, AB 2438 would require specified funding program guidelines to align with the Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI), the California Transportation Plan (CTP), and greenhouse gas emissions reduction standards.

The City of Beaumont recognizes the State's intention to secure an equitable and climate-resilient future, including for residents in Riverside County. However, AB 2438 appears to conflict with promises the State made in the voter-affirmed SB 1, despite CAPTI affirming its intent to not change program guidelines beyond current code.

Unfortunately, AB 2438 shifts the authority for prioritizing transportation investments too far away from local decision-making in favor of the State, especially the Administration. Moreover, the bill's requirements for consistency with various state plans and policies are unclear and could be at odds with statutory purposes of some funding programs.

The state's Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI) was developed to implement the Governor's Climate Change Executive Order (N-19-19) and describes CalSTA's plans to invest discretionary state transportation funds to address climate change and promote public health, safety, and equity. Although we believe local transportation expenditures are aligned with CAPTI goals, especially its "foundation [on] the 'fix-it-first' approach established in SB 1," we object to codifying a requirement that local and regional transportation expenditures be consistent with a plan that has no specific statutory authorization, and which has been characterized by the Administration as a "living document."

The City of Beaumont is interested in turning the page toward innovative, sustainable transportation solutions that are accessible, equitable, and inclusive. But inequities look different from community to community and from region to region. We must work



together if the state's climate goals are going to be achieved. AB 2438 does not provide our communities with the investments and flexibility required to build the capacity of our multimodal transit systems, therefore threatening to leave our region and others behind.

For these reasons, the City of Beaumont opposes AB 2438.

Sincerely,

Lloyd White
Mayor

cc: Assembly Member Mayes
Senator Ochoa-Bogh
League of California Cities (via email: cityletters@calcities.org)