



June 22, 2023

The Honorable Lee Ann Eager  
Chair, California Transportation Commission  
1120 N Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: Support for Staff Recommendations for SB 1 Competitive Grant Programs:  
Trade Corridor Enhancement Program and Local Partnership Program Awards for  
SR 99 Projects**

Dear Chair Eager,

The undersigned legislators write in strong support of the California Transportation Commission's (CTC) staff recommendations for the 2022 SB 1 Competitive Grant Programs. Specifically, we write in support of the proposed investments in the 2022 Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP) and 2022 Local Partnership Competitive Program (LPP) for projects that will help finish SR 99 in Tulare County and the San Joaquin Valley. The staff recommendations include:

- TCEP: \$37 million for the right of way phase of the SR 99 and Paige Ave interchange improvements project in the City of Tulare.
- LPP: \$15 million for the construction phase of the SR 99/Caldwell Avenue interchange in the County of Tulare.

The TCEP and LPP funding for these projects is a significant step in completing the SR 99 multi-modal corridor thereby eliminating a key bottleneck on this critical facility, increasing safety, reducing congestion, increasing connectivity, improving travel-time reliability of time-sensitive goods, preserving acceptable facility operation on SR 99 and connecting pedestrian bicycle and

transit access. Moreover, these projects address key Climate Plan for Transportation Infrastructure principles and will address the needs of under-resourced communities, have positive environmental impacts, support efficient land use principles, and provide benefits to communities throughout California.

For these reasons, we are pleased to see the projects included in the staff recommendation to the CTC and strongly encourage your support for these projects at the June CTC meeting.

Sincerely,



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16<sup>th</sup> Senate District



Senator Marie Alvarado-Gil  
4<sup>th</sup> Senate District



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12<sup>th</sup> Senate District



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32<sup>nd</sup> Assembly District



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8<sup>th</sup> Assembly District

cc: Tanisha Taylor, Interim Executive Director, California Transportation Commission  
Tony Tavares, Director, California Department of Transportation  
Toks Omishakin, Secretary, California State Transportation Agency