



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 organizations 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 Action 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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Chair
Madera County Transportation Commission

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City of Chowchilla

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