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The Honorable Alan Lowenthal
 Senate Transportation and Housing Committee
 State Capitol, Room 2209
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Mr. Gregory Schmidt
 Secretary of the Senate
 State Capitol, Room 3044
 Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Mike Eng
 Assembly Transportation Committee
 1020 N Street, Room 112
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Mr. E. Dotson Wilson
 Chief Clerk of the Assembly
 State Capitol, Room 3196
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The Honorable Denise Ducheny
 Joint Legislative Budget Committee
 1020 N Street, Room 553
 Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senators Lowenthal, and Ducheny, Assembly Member Eng, Ms. Boyer-Vine and Messrs. Schmidt and Wilson:

Senate Bill 1135, Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review, Chapter 516, Statutes of 2006, required the California Department of Transportation (Department) to report to the Legislature on the implementation of the Agricultural Worker Transportation Program (AWTP).

The following implementation activities have been accomplished:

- Assigned Susan Harrington of the Department's Division of Mass Transportation as project manager for the AWTP.
- Participated in a community forum regarding farm worker transportation in Oxnard, December 7, 2006, arranged by Assembly Member Pedro Nava, 35th District.
- Convened a teleconference of the AWTP steering committee on December 12, 2006, to reach agreement on final program guidelines and grant application.
- Activated online access to the AWTP final program guidelines/grant and grant application on Caltrans' Division of Mass Transportation web site.
- Advertised the AWTP through the web sites of the California Transit Association and the California association for Coordinated Transportation and distributed the document to the chairperson of the Rural Counties Task Force.
- Completed AWTP grant applications for three funding cycles.
- Awarded the full \$10 million appropriation.
- Completed the final report due to the Legislature on January 1, 2010 (enclosed).

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Thank you for your support and sponsorship of the AWTP. We have appreciated working with you and your staff throughout the course of the program's implementation and evaluation. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Susan Harrington, Chief, Office of State Policy, Research, and Capitol via e-mail at susan.harrington@dot.ca.gov or by telephone at (916) 657-3876.

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Sincerely,



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