



# Tehama County Transportation Commission and Regional Transportation Planning Agency

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Dear Mr. Corley:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft California Transportation Plan (CTP) 2040. The Tehama County Transportation Commission (TCTC), recognizes the efforts of Caltrans and stakeholders to make the CTP responsive to greenhouse gas emissions reduction strategies; however, it is vitally important that the CTP balances environmental goals with economic and mobility needs. It is with this balance in mind that TCTC offers comments and recommendations to the draft CTP.

Tehama County relies on the state highway system and local roads to support its industrial, agricultural and recreational economies. While many urban areas have freeways with four to six, or even eight lanes in each direction, the majority of Interstate 5 in Tehama County is only 2 lanes. Chapter 8 of the draft CTP includes statements such as "avoid projects that add road capacity and increase maintenance costs;" and "any transportation projects on the State Highway System or on local streets that are capacity increasing should not be supported for funding." The Tehama County Transportation Commission does not support these statements and strongly believes they should be removed.

The strategy of 'no road capacity increasing projects' is short-sighted and inconsistent with Chapter 9 of the same document. Chapter 9 compiles high priority projects on focus routes throughout the state. Most of these are capacity increasing projects and were identified through the lengthy process of developing Transportation Concept Reports with extensive local agency and public participation.

Road capacity expansion projects should be planned to address a region's growing population and to promote a thriving economy. Since the CTP will be used to inform fiscally constrained multimodal regional and state plans, the information presented should be transparent and easily understood by the public. Particular care should be taken in the preparation of this document to ensure it is representative of the needs of the entire state through the use of the established regional transportation planning process that includes full public vetting.

TCTC appreciates the opportunity to provide comments for your consideration. Please contact Barbara O'Keeffe, Deputy Director, Tehama County Transportation Commission, at (530) 385-1462 ext. 3017 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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