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Chair Dario Frommer
California Transportation Commission (CTC)
1120 N Street (MS-52)
Sacramento, CA, 95814

RE: Statewide Transportation Needs Assessment – Item 51

Dear Chairman Frommer and CTC Members:

On behalf of the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) I would like to commend the California Transportation Commission (CTC) for taking the lead to develop the Statewide Transportation System Needs Assessment which highlights the fact that investments in transportation systems have not kept pace with needs throughout the state. However, we respectfully **request that the report be modified to eliminate Policy Recommendation #4: Create a Program Focused On Metro Mobility** (p. 7-5 of the report). While we recognize that major metropolitan areas face significant transportation challenges, we are greatly opposed to proposals which restrict or otherwise redirect funds to large metropolitan areas. Santa Cruz County is not part of a major metropolitan area with a population of one million or more, yet travelers here experience severe travel delays, that are greater than that found in many major metropolitan areas. Santa Cruz County may not generate the majority of the nation's economic activity; however, businesses, residents, visitors in Santa Cruz County and other small counties do incrementally contribute to the national economy and should not be subjected to losing revenues just because they are small. Furthermore, there are already several state and federal transportation funding programs that favor large urban areas, such as TIGER, several discretionary programs, and financing programs.

Rather than redirecting funds, it is critical to increase funding levels for all areas of the state, and thereby ensure access and mobility for all travelers.

Thank you for your leadership on transportation matters for the state of California. We would be pleased to provide you with additional information transportation needs in the Santa Cruz County.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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