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Chair Fran Inman
California Transportation Commission
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RE: Draft 2020 ITIP

Dear Chair Inman,

I am writing this letter out of concern for the recommendation by the California Transportation Commission (CTC) to retract funding for SR 99 – Tulare City Widening in Tulare County. These funds, approved in March of 2018, were programed to support the SR-99 widening project. The decision to recommend this funding for deletion was made without input from San Joaquin Valley communities and did not include an explanation of how and when the funding would be replaced. This uncertainty puts at risk years of study and local resources committed to improving the lives and commute of my constituents.

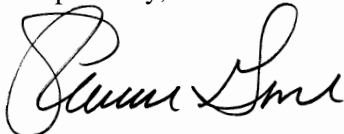
As all of you know, SR-99 is vital to the State of California and the nation for goods movement but it is also known as one of the most dangerous highways in the nation. These reasons alone require dedicated resources to ensure the safety and economic security of everyone who uses this corridor. It is imperative that the State of California prioritize transportation funding for critical infrastructure projects such as the SR 99 – Tulare City Widening in Tulare County.

The Commission's decision to abandon this project means the Commission is also abandoning the communities and residents that I represent in Senate District 16 and that is unacceptable.

I request the Commission immediately cease all efforts to retract funding for the SR 99 – Tulare City Widening in Tulare County currently recommended for deletion and ensure that it is restored with the final Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP) adoption.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,



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CC: Governor Gavin Newsom