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Elissa Konove
CalSTA Acting Secretary / Undersecretary
California State Transportation Agency
915 Capitol Mall Suite 350 B, Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: Support for CCJPA's 2022 TIRCP Application

Dear Acting Secretary Konove,

The Environmental Council of Sacramento (ECOS) supports the application by Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority (CCJPA) to the 2022 Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) grant program. The transportation investments proposed in the application are key to achieving the interconnectivity goals of the California State Rail Plan, and GHG reductions required by local policies and state legislation.

CCJPA proposes these investments in partnership with the City of Sacramento, Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG), and Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT). They seek funding for improvements at the Sacramento Valley Station and for these regional and systemwide projects:

- improved regional commuter bus routing in downtown Sacramento;
- a bus layover facility designed to support electric bus charging;
- contactless payment readers for regional/local bus fleets per Cal-ITP (Integrated Travel Program) objectives.

The proposed projects, paired with private investments in public spaces, mixed-use and residential development, will help to realize the vision of Sacramento Valley Station as a regional mobility hub and attraction, reduce per capita GHG emissions, and create a vibrant and connected community. Together, CCJPA, the City of Sacramento, SACOG, and SacRT have already invested over \$130 million in local, regional, state, and federal funding in recent work phases at Sacramento Valley Station.

ECOS supports the continuation of this important partnership and asks for your support of its TIRCP grant request.

Sincerely,

Susan Herre
ECOS President

cc: Chris Dougherty, SACOG
Chris Flores, SacRT
Jim Allison, CCJPA
Greg Taylor, City of Sacramento, Sacramento Valley Station

ECOS top policy objectives

Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Improve Air Quality Promote and Reinforce Smart Growth Principles
Establish a Regionally Coordinated Conservation Strategy Establish a Sustainable Water Supply
Achieve Equity in Housing, Public Health, and Opportunities