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James Corless
Sacramento Area Council Of Governments
1415 L St # 300, Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SACOG's 2022/23 Regional Program, Transformative Category –
Grant Request For Stockton Boulevard Multimodal Partnership

Dear Director Corless:

ECOS strongly supports the Stockton Boulevard Multimodal Partnership Project and asks for your favorable consideration of the project's grant request to the SACOG 2022/23 Regional Program, Transformative Category.

We applaud the collaboration by the City of Sacramento, County of Sacramento, and SacRT to undertake this project. It will transform Stockton into a pedestrian and bicycle friendly multimodal corridor with bus rapid transit (BRT). The grant funding will enable the completion of the environmental clearance and design and ready the project to compete for additional federal and state funding.

The Stockton Boulevard project is a critical piece in the Sacramento regional plan for access, mobility, equity, and resilience.

- Stockton is a key route located in the City and County. It is one of the few north/south local roads linking the large populations in south Sacramento and employment centers in the urban core. SacRT's Bus Route #51 has the highest ridership in the system.
- The project will improve safety in two of the City's five most dangerous corridors -- highest rates of traffic injuries and fatalities -- as identified in the City's Vision Zero program.
- The project area is a struggling, older commercial corridor, one of the most underinvested transportation corridors, yet it serves the historically disadvantaged neighborhoods of Oak Park, Tahoe Park, Lemon Hill, and Florin, where median household income is 30% lower than the rest of the City and County.

Thank you for considering our support for the project's grant request.

Sincerely yours,

Susan Herre AIA AICP
President of the Board of Directors