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Post Office Box 1526 | Sacramento, CA 95812-1526

June 9, 2023

Gavin Newsom
Governor of California
1021 O Street, Suite 9000
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Sacramento I Street Bridge Replacement Funding Solution

Dear Governor Newsom:

The Environmental Council of Sacramento (ECOS) strongly supports the I Street Bridge Replacement Project for the infrastructure improvements at the Sacramento Valley Station which are only possible through this project. Quick action is needed to secure full funding for the bridge construction. Replacing the existing bridge is a longstanding regional priority for the cities of Sacramento and West Sacramento which will support more sustainable and equitable mobility that will foster sustainable growth transit-focused growth for the cities and the greater region, moreover, it directly benefits the state's investment in our passenger rail service.

While the merits of this project are high in the replacement of the 111-year-old substandard existing I Street Bridge with a modern bridge to accommodate vehicles, bicyclists, pedestrians, and transit vehicles traveling between the cities; the significant benefits of this project extend the bridge alone. This bridge is critical to unlocking access barriers to the Sacramento Valley Station which currently impair access for our bus-feeder network and active modes from the west.

Without this new bridge current and significant state capital investments will be unrealized. Over \$57 million in state TIRCP funds have been awarded to the City of Sacramento towards a \$140 million bus center and network improvements for regional commuter buses feeding our rail service. Currently in design, a critical Interstate 5 access for regional buses to the new bus center relies on the removal of the old viaducts which allow for the reconfiguration of the freeway access and through connection of the street network to the regional bus center. Bike access is in high demand to our service and West Sacramento has secured \$16 million in ATP funding has been awarded for the existing I Street bridge's upper deck conversion to a multi-use shared path for active trips to the Sacramento Valley Station, connecting Yolo County.

These two significant improvements are only possible by the construction of the new bridge project that includes the elimination of viaducts connecting the old bridge and exist as a barrier to the implementation of these projects and committed state funding. If this bridge is not realized, efficient bike, pedestrian, and regional bus mobility investments

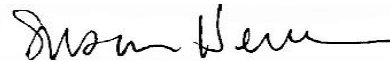
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Sincerely,



Sam Rice
ECOS Transportation Team Lead



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President of the Board of Directors



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Toks Omishakin
Secretary of Transportation, California State Transportation Agency
400 Capitol Mall, Suite 2340
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Sacramento I Street Bridge Replacement Funding Solution

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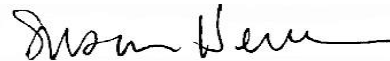
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Tony Tavares
Director of Caltrans
1303 10th Street, Suite 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Sacramento I Street Bridge Replacement Funding Solution

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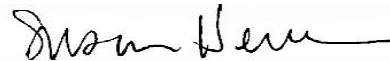
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