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June 26, 2017

Mr. Bob Alvarado, Chairman
California Transportation Commission
1120 N Street, MS-52
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Chairman Alvarado and Commissioners:

I write to express my strong support for funding to construct a new bridge along State Route 269 (SR 269) in Huron, California. This project funding is an amendment to the 2016 SHOPP, set to be voted on at the June 29th meeting.

Located in rural Fresno County, the City of Huron is home to approximately seven thousand individuals with a median income of \$21,000. SR 269 is a critical connector between State Route 198 and Interstate 5 and is the only highway that grants access to Huron from the North. SR 269 connects Huron's agricultural economy to goods movement corridors. Since SR 269 became part of the State highway system in 1976, there have been numerous safety issues due to the occasional flooding along the bridge from Arroyo Pasajero Creek. These issues have cost the Huron approximately \$454,000 per year over the course of 40 years totaling more than \$18 million in economic losses. The hazardous road and bridge conditions have also caused multiple accidents and fatalities, forcing residents to take a 28-mile detour around the bridge.

As the Assemblymember for this community, I strongly urge you to dedicate the program funding in the amount of \$18 million to allow the City of Huron and its partners, Caltrans and Fresno Council of Governments, to construct a new bridge along SR 269 and provide residents with the economic and safety relief that has been decades in the making.

Thank you for your assistance in moving this important project forward. Should you have question, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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