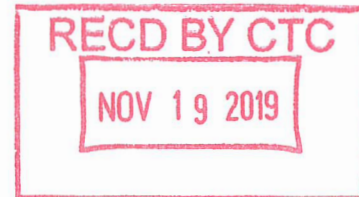




November 6, 2019

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RE: Draft 2020 ITIP

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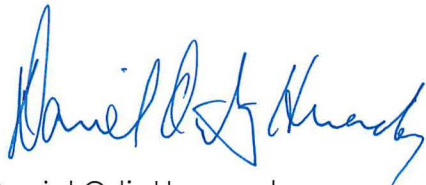
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If you have any questions contact Biridiana Bishop, Public Works Director 661-758-7271.

Sincerely,



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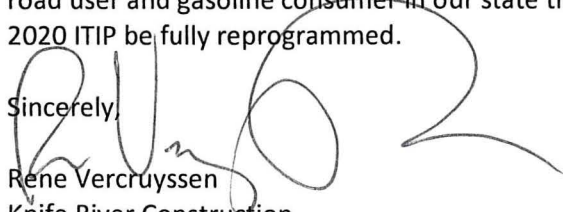
Dear Ms. Bransen

The purpose of this letter is to highlight the concern being expressed by a broad cross section of Californians who represent the stakeholders of our state's system of roadways. Knife River Construction joins them in their concern that on the heels of passing SB1, Prop 69 and defeating Prop 6 the Draft 2020 Interregional Transportation Improvement Program proposes to "deprogram" three critically important state highway projects.

As you may imagine, voters are confused after having so recently been sold on the premise that a gas tax increase is sorely needed to fund our roads, that we are now so soon unwinding road projects to fund yet to be identified dreams of trains. While the diverting of this programmed road money to trains may be *legal* it certainly calls into question the credibility of each and every entity that actively and robustly campaigned in favor of SB1 and its subsequent defense. Our hard earned brands are too valuable for us to simply sit idly by and watch as the prospect of unfulfilled promises threaten to tarnish them.

Gas tax payers at the pump were promised better roads in exchange for their support to reach deeper into their wallets to fill their tanks. They trusted us. Please join us in working to earn the trust voters have so honorably extended based solely on our promise. We respectfully request on behalf of every road user and gasoline consumer in our state that the deprogrammed highway projects in the Draft 2020 ITIP be fully reprogrammed.

Sincerely,

  
Rene Verduyssen  
Knife River Construction  
Rebuilding our roads





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November 13, 2019

Ms. Susan Bransen  
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California Transportation Commission  
1120 N Street, MS 52  
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Re: Draft 2020 Interregional Transportation Improvement Program

Dear Ms. Bransen,

I am writing as a strong supporter of the passage of The Road Repair & Accountability Act of 2017 (SB 1) to express my concerns with the Draft 2020 ITIP presented to the California Transportation Commission (Commission) last month.

Specifically, the Draft 2020 ITIP proposes to deprogram three highway projects and set aside those revenues for yet to be identified priority rail projects and other priorities aligned with Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-19-19. I understand the Administration's decision to propose to deprogram these projects was a result of a lack of new, flexible ITIP capacity to support the Governor's priorities, that the projects are in the early stages of development at the environmental and design phases, and that none of the projects have construction dollars committed. Moreover, I recognize that the ITIP programs the State's share of the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) which has as its foundational fund source the gas tax and that since Proposition 5 of 1974, the State Constitution does permit expenditure of gas tax revenues on guideway projects such as rail capital improvements in addition to highways. However, I believe that once a project is approved in a program of projects, the State must honor that action. These three projects were programmed in the 2018 ITIP as a direct result of anticipating increased revenues due to the passage of SB 1 in April 2017.

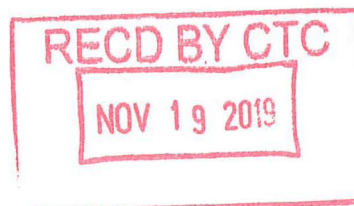
I implore the Administration and the Commission to seek to find funding resources to maintain the State's commitment to the three projects proposed to be deprogrammed as the final 2020 ITIP is prepared for adoption.

Finally, I encourage the Administration and Commission to be vigilant in protecting and defending SB1 funding, ensuring that these dollars are always used efficiently and effectively, as promised to California voters.

Respectfully,



Brian Gates  
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October 23, 2019

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me (661) 433-5773.

Sincerely,



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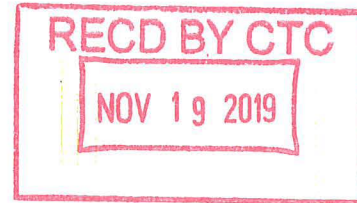
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**RE: Draft 2020 Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP)**

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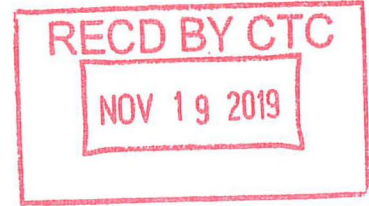
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November 13, 2019

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**RE: Draft 2020 Interregional Transportation Improvement Program**

Dear Ms. Bransen,

On behalf of the 70,000 members of the California State Council of Laborers (LiUNA), we are pleased for the opportunity to submit the following comments concerning the Draft 2020 Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP).

As an organization deeply engaged and committed to obtaining much-needed infrastructure funding to address the needs in California, we played a vital role along with our partners in labor and industry and feel proud of our successful result with the passage of SB 1 in 2017. We are extremely gratified by the way that the California Transportation Commission has moved rapidly in allocating these funds, therefore beginning to address the needs while producing much-needed jobs within the construction industry. In working with Transportation California, the California Alliance for Jobs, and the Southern California Partnership for Jobs, we have successfully resisted any effort against any legislative and/or budget proposals that in our view would move away from the original intent of SB 1 as passed by the Legislature and signed by Governor Brown.

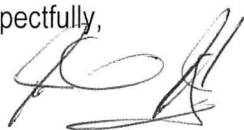
We, along with others, again played a very vital role in opposing Proposition 6 in November 2018. Our work and financial commitment in defeating Proposition 6 demonstrated the importance of protecting this funding that perhaps, in my opinion, will never happen again. As we all know, there are some policies set forth for the near future where funding our infrastructure needs in the state will have to be revisited.

We would like to express our concerns with the Draft 2020 ITIP, most recently proposing to deprogram three highway projects and set aside those revenues for yet to be identified priority rail projects, and other priorities aligned with Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-19-19. While we understand these three projects were in their very early stages, other projects where it would be possible to include rail should have been considered, prior to rapidly moving to defund these projects off the Highway 99 corridor and Highway 46.

However, we firmly believe that once a project is approved in a program of projects, the State must honor that action. We would respectfully suggest that the Administration and the Commission find funding resources to maintain, once again, the state's commitment to these three projects that are presumably to be deprogrammed as the final 2020 ITIP is prepared for adoption.

Finally, we understand the goals and commitments of the Administration to move to climate resiliency, and having said that, please include this organization as an asset along with our partners in the effort to meet these goals. We stand ready to work with you and the Commission to continue moving forward appropriately and with accountability to address the needs of all Californians by addressing our infrastructure needs.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jose Mejia', written over a horizontal line.

Jose Mejia  
Director

cc: David Kim, Secretary, California State Transportation Agency  
Ana Matosantos, Cabinet Secretary, Office of Governor Gavin Newsom  
Jon P. Preciado, SCDCL Business Manager  
Oscar De La Torre, LiUNA Vice President and NCDCL Business Manager





November 15, 2019

Secretary David S. Kim  
 California State Transportation Agency  
 915 Capitol Mall, Suite 350B  
 Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Draft 2020 Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP)

Dear Secretary Kim:

The undersigned organizations are committed to ensuring the State of California reaches its ambitious climate goals while improving the health and wellbeing of our communities.

Our transportation system is the greatest emitter of climate-warming carbon pollution, yet it is precisely this sector where the state has made the least progress in reducing emissions.

We appreciate Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-19-19, which presents an important first step towards aligning the State's \$5 billion annual transportation investment with the State's climate goals, which are statutorily obligated by SB 32 (2016).



Further, we are encouraged to see that the Draft 2020 Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP) includes prioritized investment for shovel-ready mobility projects that will give Californians more convenient ways to get around our state without having to get in a car.

We strongly support this and other measures to invest in low-carbon transportation choices for Californians. We are confident this can be accomplished while safeguarding commitments to the voters to invest SB 1 (2017) gas tax revenue in critical road maintenance and safety projects.

We look forward to working with you and CalSTA, as well as the California Transportation Commission and the Air Resources Board, to fully implement E.O. N-19-19 and set California on a path where our transportation system is a leading source of success in our efforts to reduce pollution, improve mobility, increase productivity, and create more equitable and healthy communities.

Best,

Carter Rubin,  
Mobility and Climate Advocate  
Natural Resources Defense Council

Bill Magavern  
Policy Director  
Coalition for Clean Air

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Subject: 2020 Draft Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP) Hearing

Dear Commissioners and Director Omishakin:

The purpose of this correspondence is to thank the Commission for the opportunity to provide testimony on behalf of the Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG) for consideration into the development of the 2020 Interregional Transportation Improvement Program. In addition, BCAG would like to provide the entire Commission and Caltrans Director Toks Omishakin with a brief summary of Butte County's talking points which are germane to the development of the ITIP. It's my understanding that not all Commissioners are typically present during the ITIP hearings.

BCAG, Caltrans District 3, Yuba County and the City of Marysville are working to complete the last remaining project on State Route 70 from Laurellen Road, just north of the City of Marysville in Yuba County to the Yuba/Butte County line. If funding is approved by the Commission in the 2020 STIP, the State Route 70 corridor improvements that was directed by the CTC in 1988 will finally be completed and Butte County will finally be served by a continuous 4-lane highway.

Addressing fatalities continues to be our top priority in developing BCAG's 2020 RTIP recommendations. With this in mind, BCAG continues to recommend the SR 70 Corridor for joint Regional and Interregional funding in the STIP. We offer the following points for ITIP funding consideration:

ITIP Considerations

- **44 fatalities on State Route 70 since 2010, 4 have occurred on this segment this year.**
- This project is partially funded with SHOPP funds, the remaining \$32 million to complete the project is being requested as part of the 2020 STIP.
- This last project segment from Laurellen Road to the County line is lined with 158 driveways with heavy a.m. and p.m. commuter traffic, increased truck traffic that is part of the Paradise Clean-up and the agricultural industry.....bottom line, these fatalities are not going to decrease until this last project is complete.



- After 30 years and over \$1 billion in transportation investments, the Commission and Caltrans are poised to complete the State Route 70 Corridor between Sacramento and Chico by funding the last project in Yuba County.
- BCAG, Caltrans District 3 and with the support of the Yuba County Board of Supervisors and the Marysville City Council have agreed to a funding plan to complete this final project in Yuba County which includes a funding contribution of \$4 million from BCAG, a \$4 million contribution from Yuba County Board of Supervisors and a \$24 million contribution from Caltrans' ITIP.
- State Route 70 serves as a critical emergency access route as demonstrated in the Oroville Dam Crisis of 2017 with 180,000 evacuees and the Paradise Camp Fire in 2018.

Attached are our most recent fatality map and a corridor map highlighting the 68 miles of four lanes that have completed and the remaining gap of 9.6 miles left in Yuba County. We recognize the limited funding capacity in the ITIP and the funding needs from the rest of the state. We believe we have extenuating circumstances for this "grandfathered corridor" as highlighted above.

BCAG has already contributed \$4 million of RIP funding to complete the environmental component for this corridor and we are willing to match Yuba County's pledge of \$4 million thru SACOG leaving a request of \$24 million from Caltrans.

If we are unable to identify a plan to complete this remaining gap and this corridor becomes a future separate project, Caltrans District 03 has indicated the cost estimate would exceed \$50 million at which point BCAG would be financially unable to further partner. We sincerely hope we can come together and finish the job. If approved and programmed, the project can be delivered for construction within the timeframe of the 2020 STIP.

Thank you for your time,

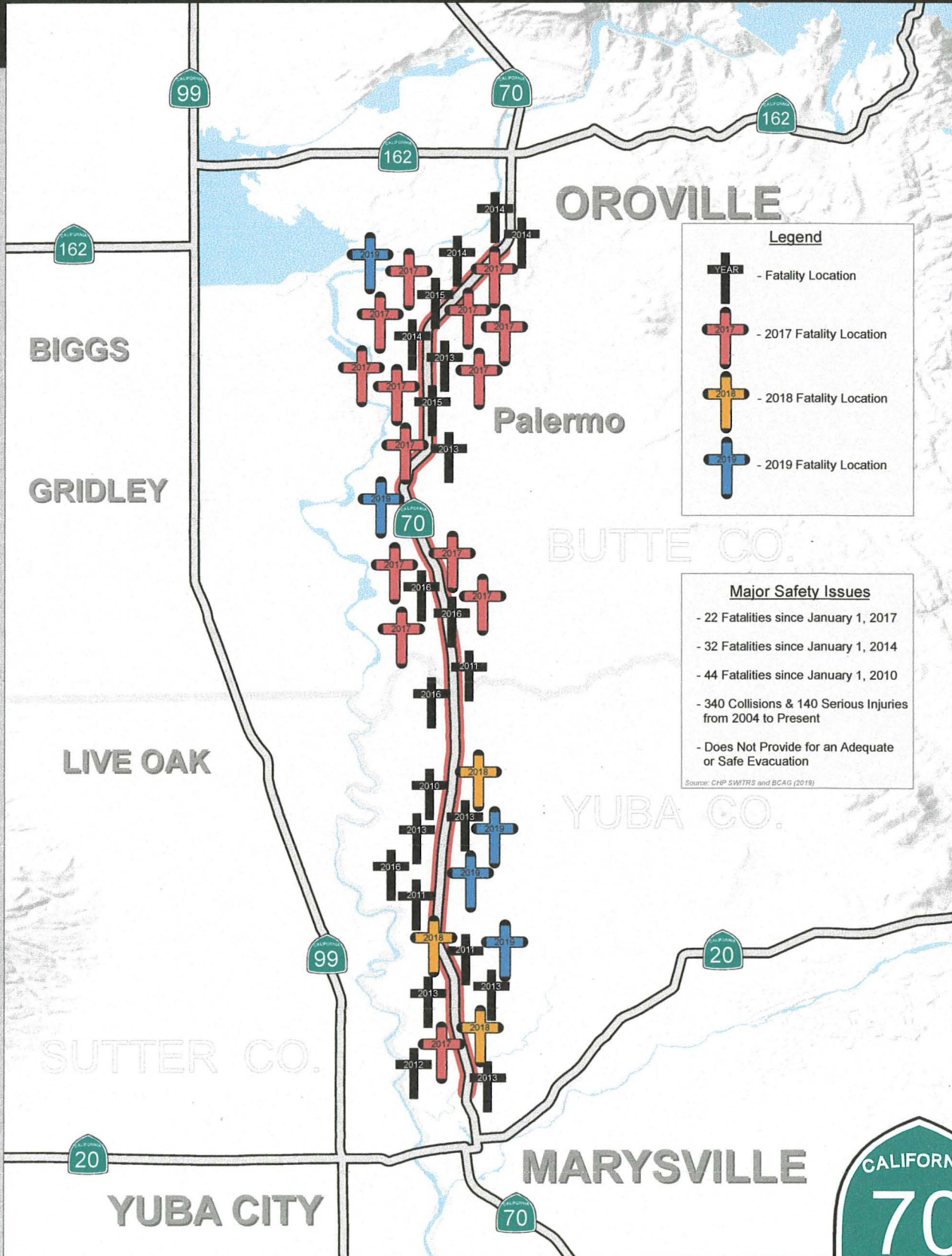


Bill Connelly, Chair  
Butte County Association of Governments

# HIGHWAY 70 FATALITIES

## MARYSVILLE TO OROVILLE

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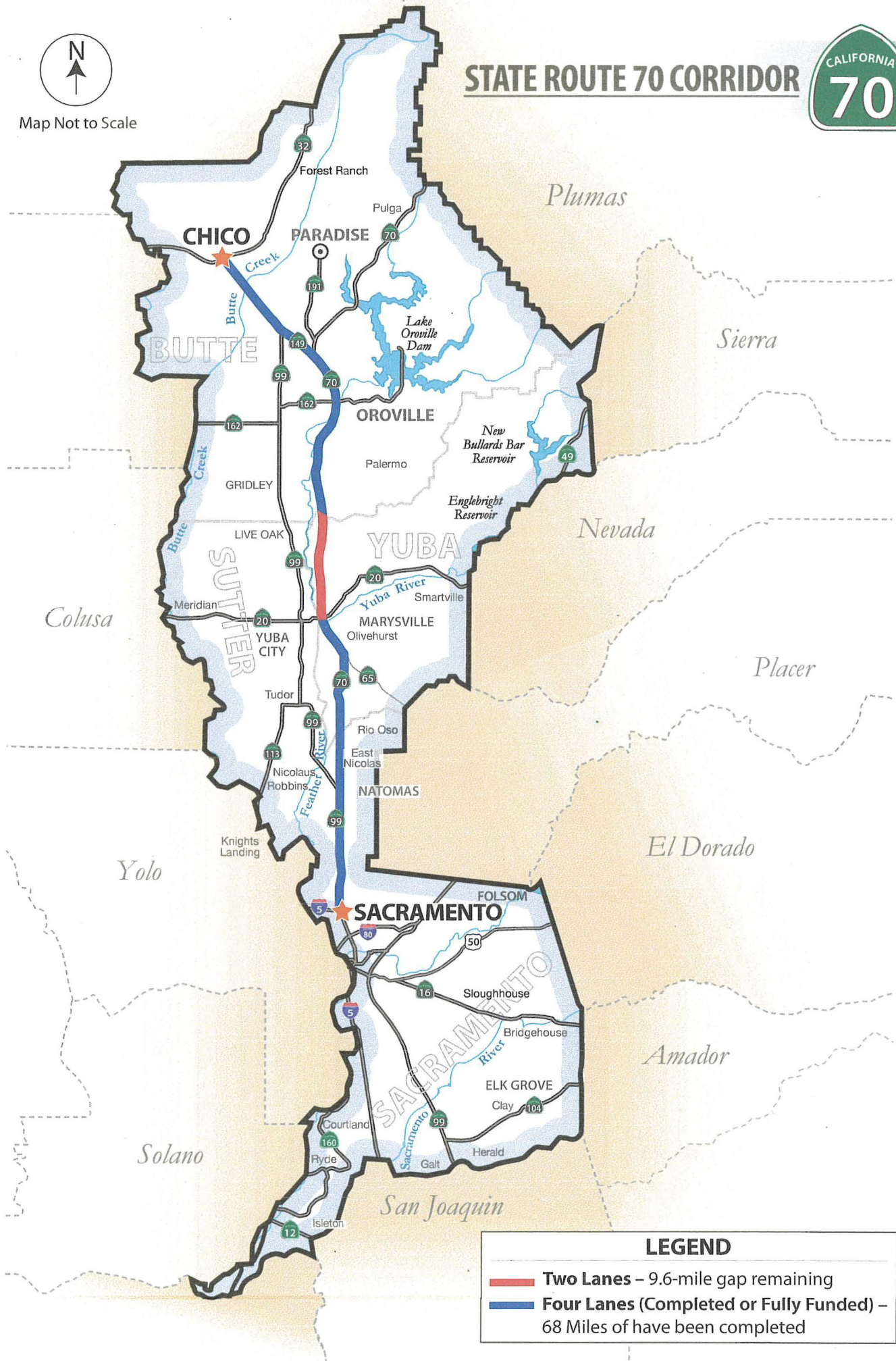






Map Not to Scale

# STATE ROUTE 70 CORRIDOR



### LEGEND

- Two Lanes** – 9.6-mile gap remaining
- Four Lanes (Completed or Fully Funded)** – 68 Miles of have been completed



November 25, 2019

The Honorable Fran Inman  
Chair, California Transportation Commission  
1120 N Street, MS 52  
Sacramento, CA 95814



RE: Draft 2020 Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP) | SLOCOG SUPPORT FOR REVISED ITIP

Dear Chair Inman:

First, I would like to acknowledge and thank you personally for conducting a third public hearing on the Draft 2020 Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP) held in Fresno last week. You and your staff provide a valuable service by facilitating a very important discussion of the concerns we raised in our October 24<sup>th</sup> letter to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) on the Draft 2020 ITIP.

To restate, in both our October 24<sup>th</sup> correspondence and the testimony provided by SLOCOG staff at the Fresno hearing, SLOCOG has emphasized concern for the deletion of pre-construction funding for the remaining segment (Antelope Grade) of the State Route 46 Corridor Improvement Project (US 101 to Interstate 5). One of our primary objectives is to continue to work closely with Caltrans District 5 and the Kern Council of Governments and secure capital funding for the Antelope Segment from federal discretionary grants such as INFRA and/or BUILD, or by way of SB1's Trade Corridor Program. It is imperative that preconstruction activities remain fully funded in the ITIP if such efforts are to bear fruit.

We are grateful for the solution developed by Caltrans Headquarters, in close coordination with your staff, to modify the draft 2020 ITIP and re-commit ITIP funding of \$10.3M for the preconstruction phase (design) of the Antelope Grade Segment. SLOCOG will reflect our strong support of this proposed solution by including a Project Programming Request Form in SLOCOG's 2020 RTIP transmittal.

We appreciate the Commission taking the time to consider these issues in advance of developing the final 2020 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) recommendations.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (805) 781-4219.

Sincerely,

Fred Strong, President

Cc: Assembly member Jordan Cunningham (35<sup>th</sup> District)  
Tim Gubbins, Regional Director, Caltrans, District 5  
Bruce de Terra, Division Chief, Caltrans, Division of Transportation Programming