



August 9, 2022

Mr. Mitch Weiss
Executive Director
California Transportation Commission
1120 N Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for Adoption of SB1 Cycle 3 Program Guidelines

Dear Mr. Weiss:

The Central Coast Coalition (Coalition) greatly appreciates the collaborative and transparent process in which California Transportation Commission (CTC) staff undertook with the development of the guidelines for Cycle 3 of the Senate Bill 1 (SB1) competitive programs. The Local Partnership, Solutions for Congested Corridors, and Trade Corridor Enhancement Programs are especially critical for small urban and rural regions like ours to help deliver critical transformative projects that are regional and State priorities, address interregional travel, reduce congestion, and improve air quality. Not only do these programs meet goals included in the Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI), but they are essential for regions of our size to deliver on transformative projects that would otherwise take us 25 to 50 years to complete with only formula funding provided by the State and Federal government. These projects include improvements to lifeline service for those who rely on transit, safe evacuation routes, bicycle and pedestrian corridors and freight corridors connecting Northern and Southern California.

The Coalition has been actively engaged in the CTC's workshops for development of the Cycle 3 guidelines and we would like to offer support on the following sections of the final Solutions for Congested Corridors Program guidelines:

1. Award of At Least One Project from a County Less than 500,000 in Population

In Section 5, we support and appreciate the CTC's intent to fund at least one project in a county with a population less than 500,000. This allows larger transformative projects from smaller regions to receive funding.

2. Priority on Completion of Corridors

In Section 13, we support that proposed projects (or segments) that complete a corridor as defined in a comprehensive multimodal corridor plan will be prioritized for funding. By completing corridors, the state will realize the full benefits from previously completed segments and the full impact of completing the final segment.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on the Cycle 3 guidelines. The Central Coast Coalition looks forward to submitting our applications later this year!

If you have any questions, please contact Sarkes Khachek, SBCAG Director of Programming, at 209.402.4445 or skhachek@sbcag.org.

Sincerely,



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Moving California's Economy

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