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California Construction and Industrial Materials Association

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Tanisha Taylor
Executive Director
California Transportation Commission
1120 N Street, MS 52
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Board Item #68 - Transportation Asset Management Plan (TAMP)

Dear Executive Director Taylor:

The California Construction and Industrial Materials Association continues to have concerns about the Transportation Asset Management Plan (TAMP) inhibiting sustainability and innovation at Caltrans.

Specifically, by delegating authority to the districts, the TAMP has made it nearly impossible to get pilot projects to achieve sustainability initiatives. This is most notable in getting pilot projects to test materials' specification improvements proposed by the Pavement and Materials Partnering Committee (PMPC). The districts will simply not undertake the projects needed to achieve statewide goals.

This is particularly a concern with getting pilots projects to demonstrate the use of 40% reclaimed asphalt pavement (RAP) for asphalt pavements. The Governor signed into law AB 812 (Ma) in 2012 to require a 40% RAP standard by 2014. Even at the time of passage of the legislation, California was well behind other states in the percentage of RAP allowed.

While interim steps were taken by Caltrans to increase the percentage of RAP allowed, a work group has been convening since 2018 to finalize the 40% standard. The key to completing the project is to have pilot projects to test the specification. Despite years of waiting, there still is not a sufficient number of pilot projects, due to district—rather than headquarters—discretion on pilot project selection that has been imposed by the TAMP.

We urge the Commission to take steps to improve or amend the TAMP to facilitate pilot projects to achieve sustainability and innovation in Caltrans materials' specifications.

Sincerely,



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