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## California State Senate

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**MELISSA HURTADO**  
SIXTEENTH SENATE DISTRICT



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June 21, 2024

Chair Carl Guardino  
Attn: Tanisha Taylor  
California Transportation Commission  
1120 N Street, Mail Station 52  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: Tabs 73 & 112 – Approval of STIP, Prop 1B SR 99 and SHOPP Construction Funding  
Allocation: SR 99 Delano to Pixley Six-Lane Pavement Rehabilitation Project**

Dear Mr. Guardino,

As the Senator who represents California State Senate District 16, which includes the City of Delano and the community of Pixley, I write today urging approval of the SR 99 Delano to Pixley Six-Lane Pavement Rehabilitation Project for the allocation of construction funding from the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), Prop 1B 99 and the State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP).

In doing so, this and other projects will address significant safety issues, increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the movement of goods throughout the state, including vital agricultural products, reduce negative air quality and other environmental impacts, and increase multimodal travel including supporting intercity rail, transit, and bicycle and pedestrian mobility.

I represent the counties of Fresno, Tulare, Kern and Kings in California's Central Valley. Much of the populace I serve lives far below the federal poverty level. According to recent analysis of National Highway Safety Data, State Route 99 in the Central Valley is the deadliest major highway

in the country. The 425-mile stretch that runs from Sacramento to Bakersfield averaged 89 fatal accidents annually over the past five years (Bakersfield Californian, June 14, 2024). Congestion is markedly worse along choke points located in Tulare, Madera and Merced counties. By widening these choke points, congestion and air quality impacts can be reduced and safety improved.

Moreover, the San Joaquin Valley is working with the California Department of Transportation to develop a new multimodal corridor plan which will enhance and add to the already significant work being done to create sustainable communities, build affordable housing, and increase multimodal opportunities. A completed SR 99 is a vital part of the global strategy for the region.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to my Chief of Staff, Aaron Brieno at (916) 651-4016 or [Aaron.Brieno@sen.ca.gov](mailto:Aaron.Brieno@sen.ca.gov) . Thank you again for your time and consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Melissa Hurtado". The signature is fluid and cursive.

MELISSA HURTADO  
Senator, 16<sup>th</sup> District

CC: *Executive Director Tanisha Taylor*  
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*Ted Smalley, Executive Director*  
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June 24, 2024

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Chair Carl Guardino  
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**Re: Tabs 73 & 112 – Approval of STIP, Prop 1B SR 99 and SHOPP Construction Funding Allocation: SR 99 Delano to Pixley Six-Lane Pavement Rehabilitation Project**

Please accept this letter to express support for the approval of the SR 99 Delano to Pixley Six-Lane Pavement Rehabilitation Project for the allocation of construction funding from the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), Prop 1B 99 and the State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP). The City of Visalia strongly supports the proposed investments in projects on State Route 99 (SR 99) which will help close the existing gaps and create a seamless corridor to six lanes throughout. In doing so, this and other projects will address significant safety issues, increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the movement of goods throughout the state, including vital agricultural products, reduce negative air quality and other environmental impacts, and increase multimodal travel including supporting intercity rail, transit, and bicycle and pedestrian mobility.

SR 99 is the transportation backbone of Tulare County and the San Joaquin Valley and is a critical north-south goods movement artery for the state. It is because of the need for freight mobility and safety for Tulare County, the San Joaquin Valley and the state as a whole that continued investment in projects like these are critical.

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For these reasons, the City of Visalia supports the approval of the SR 99 Delano to Pixley Six-Lane Pavement Rehabilitation Project's construction funding allocations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian Poochigian".

Brian Poochigian, Mayor  
City of Visalia



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June 20, 2024

Chair Carl Guardino  
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California Transportation Commission  
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Chairman Guardino,

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For these reasons, the <insert organization> supports the approval of the SR 99 Delano to Pixley Six-Lane Pavement Rehabilitation Project's construction funding allocations.

Sincerely,

*Luis Patlan*

City Manager



City of Lindsay  
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June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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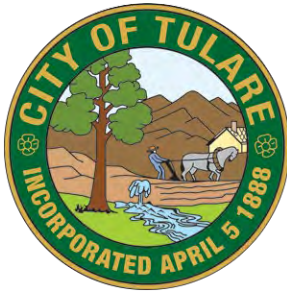
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For these reasons, the City of Lindsay supports the approval of the SR 99 Delano to Pixley Six-Lane Pavement Rehabilitation Project's construction funding allocations.

Sincerely,

Ryan Heinks  
Acting City Manager



June 25, 2024

Chair Carl Guardino  
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For these reasons, the City of Tulare supports the approval of the SR 99 Delano to Pixley Six-Lane Pavement Rehabilitation Project's construction funding allocations.

Sincerely,

Terry A. Sayre  
Mayor





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June 27, 2024

Chair Carl Guardino  
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For these reasons, TCAG supports the approval of the SR 99 Delano to Pixley Six-Lane Pavement Rehabilitation Project's construction funding allocations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ted Smalley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ted Smalley  
TCAG Executive Director