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Mr. Jim Earp Chair, California Transportation Commission 1120 N Street Room 2221 (MS-52) Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Route 99 / Route 219 (Kiernan Avenue) Interchange Project in Stanislaus County

Members of the California Transportation Commission:

As the legislative delegation representing Stanislaus County, we respectfully request you take action during your meeting in January 2011 to ensure that the Route 99 / Route 219 (Kiernan Avenue) Interchange Project in Stanislaus County is fully funded by the Proposition 1B savings you will be reprogramming.

The California Transportation Commission is expected to consider the dollar amount of funds available, as well as the individual projects, that will benefit from the Prop. 1B savings. We urge you to prioritize the Kiernan Avenue project to receive \$46.5 million of these funds. In addition to generating critically needed jobs, the project will provide a high-capacity interchange connecting State Route 99 to State Route 219, eliminate congestion on State Route 219 at the existing State Route 99 interchange, and improve traffic safety and the flow of goods and services.

As you know, Stanislaus County was one of only three counties which, to date, has not received any Proposition 1B funding. The cost savings present a rare opportunity for the CTC to provide a tremendous benefit to the County through unanticipated funds becoming available. We strongly encourage you to maximize the amount of savings that will be re-programmed and to ensure that the Kiernan / State Route 99 project receive the needed \$46.5 million in State funding.

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We cannot stress enough the importance of this project to Stanislaus County and its cities. We urge your action to maximize the amount of savings programmed and to ensure this critical project is fully funded at \$46.5 million.

Thank you for your consideration.

Senator Dave Cogdill

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