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The Honorable Mark DeSaulnier, Chair  
Assembly Transportation Committee  
1020 N Street, Room 112  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assembly Member DeSaulnier:

The El Dorado County Board of Supervisors would like to express our opposition to Senate Bill 1507 by Senator Oropeza.

As you are aware, this bill prohibits the California Transportation Commission and the Department of Transportation from authorizing the construction or expansion of a state highway within one-quarter mile of a school boundary. The bill also prohibits projects subject to these restrictions from inclusion in a regional transportation improvement program.

El Dorado County has determined that some of our most needed transportation improvement projects are potentially restricted by this legislation. These projects include:

- U.S. 50 / Bass Lake Road Phase 1 Interchange Improvements. Phase 1 will likely include ramp widening, road widening, signals, an eastbound auxiliary lane between the Bass Lake Road and Cambridge Road interchanges, and a westbound auxiliary lane between the Bass Lake Road and Silva Valley Parkway interchanges.
- U.S. 50 / Silva Valley Parkway Overcrossing Phase 2. The U.S. 50 / Silva Valley Parkway Interchange project includes constructing an overcrossing and ramps, and signalization at the eastbound and westbound on/off-ramps.
- U.S. 50 Mainline Widening at El Dorado Hills. This project widens Highway 50 through construction of new lanes within median to close the gap between the eastbound truck climbing lane and the existing truck climbing lane that starts at the bottom of the Bass Lake Grade. This project will also construct new lanes within the median to add a westbound lane on U.S. 50 from the Silva Valley Parkway Interchange to the Empire Ranch Road Interchange.

- U.S. 50 Westbound Auxiliary Lane. This project will add an auxiliary lane to westbound U.S. 50 connecting the El Dorado Hills Boulevard/Latrobe Road Interchange to the proposed Empire Ranch Road Interchange located in the City of Folsom.
- It is also possible that our Cambridge Road Interchange and possibly the Cameron Park Interchange projects could be impacted depending on how the distance to schools is measured.

Thank you for considering El Dorado County's concerns regarding this legislation. Should you or your staff have any questions about the potential impacts of SB 1507 on El Dorado County transportation projects, please contact Richard Shepard, Transportation Department Director, at (530) 621-5981.

Sincerely,

Rusty Dupray, Chairman  
El Dorado County Board of Supervisors

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