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Woodrow Deloria, Executive Director
El Dorado County Transportation Commission
2828 Easy Street, Suite 1
Placerville, California 95667

Re: Letter of Endorsement for the El Dorado County Transportation Commission's Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant application to develop the El Dorado Hills Business Park Community Transportation Plan

Dear Mr. Deloria,

El Dorado County strongly supports the El Dorado County Transportation Commission's (EDCTC) Sustainable Community Transportation Planning Grant application for the El Dorado Hills Business Park Community Transportation Plan.

With emerging interest from the El Dorado Hills Business Park Owners Association in active mobility improvements in the Business Park area, the time is right to further encourage stakeholder collaboration, community engagement and coordinate land use, transportation, and housing in this dynamic location of our County.

The El Dorado Hills Business Park provides opportunities to encourage economic development, improve the County's jobs-housing balance, reduce vehicle miles traveled, and create a multimodal and cohesive community atmosphere that ties the El Dorado Hills Town Center to the north with the Business Park and associated neighborhoods to the south. Located in the Sacramento urbanized area at the western County line, the El Dorado Hills Business Park is in close proximity to an abundance of El Dorado County's housing stock, providing opportunities for increased transit use and active transportation.

This planning effort is consistent with several of the El Dorado County Strategic Plan objectives for Economic Development, Healthy Communities, and Infrastructure, specifically, the following objectives:

- Economic Development Objective 3 - Invest in infrastructure needs to improve and maintain competitiveness;

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- Healthy Communities Objective 4 - Promote community practices for a safe environment that supports positive physical and behavioral health and wellness among residents and visitors;
- Infrastructure Objective 1 - Shape a built environment that allows communities to support quality of life and economic vitality for current and future generations;
- Infrastructure Objective 3 - Provide a safe, well-planned and maintained transportation network for citizens and visitors, including roads, airports, bike paths and trails; and
- Infrastructure Objective 5 - Provide, maintain and manage parks, trails, and natural resources that promote recreation, health, and community vitality.

This planning effort also supports the El Dorado County Regional Transportation Plan Goal to “Integrate local and regional land use, air quality and transportation planning to create a transportation system which supports the needs of the system user, enhances the economy, preserves the environment, reduces greenhouse gases and protects the community character”.

El Dorado County appreciates the EDCTC taking the lead on this grant project and application. We strongly support this grant application and are offering in-kind funding in the amount of 300 hours of staff time to assist with the project. The County recognizing that the grant funds for this project will help engage the community in a planning effort that will help advance both state and local planning goals.

Sincerely,

Shiva Frentzen,
Chair, El Dorado County Board of Supervisors

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