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Woodrow Deloria, Executive Director
El Dorado County Transportation Commission
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**RE: SB 1 Solutions for Congested Corridors Program
U.S. Highway 50 Safety Improvements in Camino**

Dear Mr. Deloria,

I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the SB 1 Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (SCCP) Grant Application submitted by the El Dorado County Transportation Commission (EDCTC) for the proposed U.S. Highway 50 project in Camino. The project will provide severely needed safety, congestion, and access improvements in the area of U.S. Highway 50 known as the "Camino Corridor."

The Camino Corridor suffers from collision rates that are higher than the state average resulting in numerous fatalities. Uncontrolled left turn movements at intersections and driveways, as well as cross-centerline collisions further contribute to potential conflicts. High volumes of regional agritourism traffic and even higher volumes of interregional recreational tourism traffic to the Tahoe Basin contribute to significant congestion on U.S. Highway 50 through the project area.

The proposed project will eliminate or reduce potential conflicts and fatalities by installing safety features selected with input from the community, local businesses, and partners, and will reduce congestion and improve throughput by remedying access issues along the Camino Corridor.

As the project lead, Caltrans partnered with EDCTC, El Dorado County, and community stakeholders to develop a preferred alternative that meets the purpose of the project while addressing the concerns and needs of the community. The requested SB 1 SCCP funds will close a funding gap to ensure the project is constructed in a timely manner.

El Dorado County fully supports the proposed safety, congestion, and access improvements along US Highway 50 in Camino.

Sincerely,

Brian Veerkamp, Chair
El Dorado County Board of Supervisors