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Mr. Mike McKeever  
Chief Executive Officer  
Sacramento Area Council of Governments  
1415 L Street, Suite 300  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re Strategic Partnerships Application for Senate Bill (SB) 743 Implementation Tools for Local Agencies Project

Dear Mr. McKeever:

This letter is in support of the Strategic Partnerships Grant application being submitted by Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) on behalf of the SB 743 Local Agency Working Group for the SB 743 Implementation Tools for Local Agencies.

Our understanding is the project would be a leveraging of various modeling tools available for SB 743 implementation, the ongoing SACOG SB 743 Local Agency Working Group, and the Metropolitan Planning Organization/Office of Planning and Research SB 743 Case Studies project. The concept is to take learning from the case studies project and create a consistent set of modeling and analysis tools and guidance (regional travel demand model, sketch planning tools, and simple spreadsheet tools) for use by local agencies within the SACOG region for SB 743 implementation. Work will focus on: developing a consistent definition(s) of Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) recognizing geographic and/or density constraints (infill, suburban, rural) characteristics for use in SB 743 implementation; calibrating and adjusting the available tools to provide internally regional consistent estimates of VMT based on that definition(s); and developing guidance for those calibrated versions of those tools for any agency to use.

El Dorado County looks forward to actively working with the project partners, and encourages Caltrans' funding of this innovative grant application.

Sincerely,

Ron Mikulaco, Chair  
Board of Supervisors  
El Dorado County

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cc: Shawne Corley, County Asst. CAO  
Shawna Purvines, Interim Asst. Dir., LRP