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Toks Omishakin, Secretary
California State Transportation Agency
915 Capitol Mall, Suite 350B
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: 2023 Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) Application for "Keep Truckee Moving"

Dear Secretary Omishakin,

Truckee Tahoe Airport District, an integral partner and supporter of transit and mobility in the Truckee-Tahoe area, is writing to express our strong support for the Town of Truckee grant application requesting funding \$4.2 million in year of expenditure for the "Keep Truckee Moving: Expansion and Electrification Project."

Aligning with local, regional, state, and federal goals to improve transit systems while reducing GHG emissions, VMT, and traffic congestion, the "Keep Truckee Moving" project will bring numerous benefits to Truckee and the surrounding communities, including Lake Tahoe:

- Full-time, on-demand microtransit service will significantly increase the accessibility and attractiveness of public transportation, which has been historically underused in Truckee, due to the limited geographic service area and hour headways.
- Implementation of microtransit service will help reduce traffic congestion and single-occupant vehicle trips in Town and may also serve as a convenient connection to the regional services along SR89 and 267, therefore reducing VMT and traffic congestion between Truckee and North Lake Tahoe.
- Beginning the transition to electric passenger vans from a gas and diesel fleet and providing the infrastructure to support growth of a zero-emissions fleet will result in cleaner air quality and reduced Greenhouse Gas emissions in the Town of Truckee and surrounding areas.

Truckee Tahoe Airport District strongly supports this application for the transition to a zero-emissions fleet and the implementation of microtransit in Truckee, which has demonstrated success during both a summer and winter pilot. This project is a critical component to enhancing efficiency, accessibility, equity, and sustainability of our transportation network, while improving quality of life for all visitors and residents who live, work, and play in the Truckee area. Thank you for considering the Town of Truckee grant application. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 530-587-4119 x105.

Sincerely,

Robb Etnyre, General Manager
Truckee Tahoe Airport District