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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 the Transforming Tahoe Program of Projects**

Dear Secretary Omishakin,

Truckee Tahoe Airport District is writing to express our strong support for the Tahoe Transportation District (TTD) grant application requesting funding for the Transforming Tahoe: Inter-regional Electrified Rapid Transit Facility and Corridor Improvements Program of Projects.

Improved reliability, access, and inter-regional options for transportation in the Truckee Tahoe Region is an important component to the future of our transportation network. The proposed Transforming Tahoe Projects will benefit communities throughout the Truckee Tahoe Region with enhancements to the current services and expansion of multi-modal options.

The proposed projects will bring significant benefits to the Truckee-Tahoe Region:

- Expanded multi-modal services, including a new high-speed electric passenger ferry system providing convenient access to the disadvantaged communities of Kings Beach and South Lake Tahoe, as well as Tahoe City.
- Cleaner air quality and reduced Greenhouse Gas emissions through the transition to electric buses from gas and diesel fleets.
- Improved reliability on the SR89 and 267 routes with the creation of rapid transit lanes and mobility hubs within the "Resort Triangle" designed specifically to increase attractiveness of public transportation and reduce VMT.
- Maintenance and Administration Facilities to support expanded services in Truckee, the South Shore, as well as connections to regional and inter-state services.
- Enhanced connections to the rest of the state, through the development of potential motor coach service and inter-regional charging infrastructure from the Capital Corridor rail service in Roseville.

Truckee Tahoe Airport District strongly supports this application for the development of enhanced transit options in the Truckee Tahoe Region. This project is an important move to promote public transportation by increasing its attractiveness, ease, accessibility, and inter-regional connectedness while minimizing GHG

emissions and improving quality of life for all visitors and residents who live, work, and play in the Truckee Tahoe Region.

Thank you for considering the TTD grant application.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 530-587-4119 x105.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robb Etnyre", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Robb Etnyre, General Manager  
Truckee Tahoe Airport District