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January 25, 2023

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,

The Tahoe Truckee Unified School District (TTUSD) 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 are important components of the future of our transportation network. The proposed Transforming Tahoe Projects will benefit our community 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 the attractiveness of public transportation and reduce VMT.
- Maintenance and Administration Facilities to support expanded services in Truckee, the South Shore, and connections to regional and inter-state services.
- Enhanced connections to the rest of the state through developing potential motor coach service and inter-regional charging infrastructure from the Capital Corridor rail service in Roseville.

TTUSD strongly supports this application for enhancing 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 the quality of life for all residents who live and work in the Truckee Tahoe Region.

Thank you for considering the TTD grant application.

Sincerely,

Carmen Ghysels Superintendent Chief Learning Officer

