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FROM: Daniel B. Landon, Executive Director

SUBJECT: *California Transportation Commission Meeting on March 5, 2013*

DATE: March 6, 2013

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On March 5, 2013, Nevada County Transportation Commission Executive Director Dan Landon attended the California Transportation Commission (CTC) meeting held in San Francisco. Mr. Landon addressed the CTC regarding Caltrans request for \$840,000 of supplemental funds to provide rubberized open graded asphalt, thermoplastic traffic striping, and culvert pipe liners for the SR 49/La Barr Meadows Road Widening Project. He referred to a letter dated February 22, 2013, signed by NCTC Chairman Jostes, that was included in the CTC agenda packet, and explained that NCTC supported the project, but was very disappointed in the lack of communication from Caltrans regarding the financial status of the project while it was being constructed. Caltrans District 3 Director, Jody Jones, provided a response to Mr. Landon's comments and explained that the District has changed its internal reporting process and is committed to communicating with stakeholders on a timely basis in the future. She also stated they are providing training to staff to prevent this type of situation from occurring again.

California Transportation Commissioner James Earp noted that a significant amount of the cost overrun was related to stormwater general permit issues and expressed appreciation for another letter that NCTC sent to Senator Mark DeSaulnier. CTC Chairman James Ghielmetti encouraged the other Commissioners to make note of the problems created by stormwater permitting requirements and to work with state and local agencies to affect appropriate changes.

Following the discussion, the Commissioners reviewed and approved the request for supplemental funds. Utilizing the supplemental funds, Caltrans will complete the SR 49/La Barr Meadows Road Widening project the summer of this year. The approved supplemental funds will consist of \$420,000 from future Regional Improvement Program funds appropriated to NCTC, and \$420,000 of Interregional Improvement Program funds appropriated to Caltrans. In August 2013, the CTC will approve a "Fund Estimate" for the 2014 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), which will take into account the approved supplemental funds. NCTC will use the Fund Estimate to prepare its list of projects for inclusion in the 2014 STIP.