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Dear California Congressional Delegation Member:

In July 2015, the U.S. Congress enacted a short-term extension that extended funding and operating authority through October 29, 2015, for the highways, highway safety programs, and transit. This extension also transferred \$8.0 billion into the Highway Trust Fund (HTF), enough to keep the HTF solvent through the end of 2015.

Additionally, in July the U.S. Senate approved H. R. 22, the Developing a Reliable and Innovative Vision for the Economy Act, or the “DRIVE Act.” This six-year authorization of surface transportation programs contains revenue to support only three years of funding for those programs. At this time, the U.S. House of Representatives has not yet introduced a multi-year proposal.

In California, we are hoping the Federal Surface Transportation Reauthorization process gains momentum this fall as deliberations over policy and long-term funding between the U.S. Senate, the U.S. House of Representatives, and the Administration intensify.

Therefore, included is the California Statewide Federal Surface Transportation Reauthorization Consensus Principles. These principles incorporate core federal transportation priorities outlined in my letter to the California U.S. Congressional Delegation, dated January 12, 2015, including:

- A long-term (four-to-six-year) reauthorization bill.
- An overall increase in federal transportation investment and national policy leadership and support for a “fix-it-first” philosophy.
- Dedicated, sustainable funding for a contract authority freight/goods movement program.
- Federal incentives and support to advance sustainability and climate preparedness efforts.

In addition, the principles integrate California stakeholder comments received during statewide conference calls I hosted this summer, as well as written follow-up comments that were received after those calls. The transportation policy suggestions contained in this document will benefit California, have support from Californians statewide, and Members of Congress should consider them.

Thank you for your consideration, and I look forward to working with you.

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Attachment