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Mike McKeever
Executive Director
Sacramento Area Council of Governments
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RE: Draft 2035 MTP Comments: Six Lane Designation of Grant Line Road

Dear Mr. McKeever:

The Draft 2035 MTP designates Grant Line Road as four lanes between Jackson Hwy and White Rock Road and six lanes for all remaining sections of Grant Line Road over the next 30 years. We strongly believe that Grant Line Road as only four lanes between Jackson Hwy and White Rock Road is underestimated from a capacity standpoint and should be designated as six lanes.

The City of Rancho Cordova's General Plan projects a significant increase to a population of 183,362 by 2030. Most of this will occur in projects including Anatolia, North Douglas, Sunridge Park, Rio Del Oro, Suncreek, and Montelena. All of these projects are located just north of Grant Line Road, between Sunrise Boulevard and White Rock Road.

The Highway 50 Corridor Mobility Partnership have projected their study area (south of US 50 and north of Jackson Hwy between Sunrise Boulevard and El Dorado Hills) at approximately 78,000 new dwelling units and 53,000 more jobs by 2030. The 50 Mobility's traffic model for 2030 estimates Grant Line Road between White Rock and Jackson Highway as six lanes, 38,000 to 52,200 average daily trips (ADT), and at a level of service of E and C depending on the location between White Rock and Jackson.

The Grant Line Road Connector is planned to be a six lane roadway that will provide significant traffic relief on Hwy 50 and Hwy 99 by offering a diagonal "beltway" type of roadway that bypasses the heavily congested downtown area, particularly at the intersection of Hwy 50 and Hwy 99. The Connector Joint Powers Authority (JPA) has identified Grant Line Road between White Rock Road and Jackson Hwy as one of the preferred alternative routes.

We appreciate SACOG's vision and leadership. We strongly urge you to change the designation in the Draft 2035 MTP for Grant Line Road between White Rock Road and Jackson Hwy to six lanes.

Sincerely,

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Director of Public Works

cc: Ted A. Gaebler, City Manager
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