July 25, 2013

Greg Chew, Senior Planner
Sacramento Area Council of Governments
1415 L Street, Suite 300
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: 2014 SACOG Community Design Funding Program (Round 6) Pre-Submittal Letter for the City of Winters’ Railroad Avenue Improvement Project

Dear Mr. Chew:

The City of Winters is pleased to submit a pre-submittal letter for Category 3 SACOG Community Design funding for the above-referenced project. The requested information is as follows:

1. Name of the Sponsoring Jurisdiction: City of Winters
2. Name of the Project: Railroad Avenue Improvements
3. Category of the Project: Category 3 ($100,000)
4. Project Manager Name: Alan Mitchell, P.E.
5. Project Manager’s phone/email: (530) 668-5883 alan.mitchell@ponticelloinc.com

6. If awarded, how will the Community Design funding be spent?

Funding will be utilized for environmental review, design, and construction of improvements on Railroad Avenue, between Grant Ave. and Niemann St. Specifically, the improvements will include rehabilitation of deficient pavement: grind, geotextile fabric, and overlay. The project length is approximately 2,160 lineal feet or less than .5 mile.

It has been over 20 years since the last rehabilitation of this segment of Railroad Avenue. Therefore, years of “wear and tear” from car, truck, and ag equipment traffic have impacted the road surface, affecting the ride-ability for all modes of travel. Over the years, development of a new Library, expansion of the High School parking lot, and residential development including a low-income apartment complex, have increased the use of this important road segment. The segment is the main entrance to Winters from the north.
The Railroad Avenue Improvement Project will improve ride-ability and ensure a safe passage for all modes of travel.

7. Will you be able to fully use the grant funds before December 31, 2016? Yes, the City's intent is to construct the improvements in 2014.

8. Why does this project help promote the Blueprint Project?
   The Railroad Avenue Improvement Project helps to promote the SACOG Blueprint Principles by improving the ride-ability for travel on this segment of Railroad Avenue; improving access to Downtown Winters; and focusing improvements in infill areas to attract new development on underutilized properties along this segment of Railroad Avenue.

9. How much in local matching funds will be committed? What source do they come from?
   The total project cost is estimated to be $140,000, and the City of Winters will commit $40,000 in local TDA funds to the project.

10. Are there any associated private and/or public development with this project?
    As discussed above, development has occurred along this segment, but is not associated with this proposed improvement project.

The City Engineer/Project Manager and his staff are trained and experienced in managing federal-eligible projects and he and I have reviewed and approved the contents of this pre-submittal letter. We look forward to receiving comments from SACOG staff on the City's project.

Should you require additional information or have questions during your review of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me or Alan.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

John W. Donlevy, Jr.
City Manager