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September 8, 2025

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor of California
1021 O Street, Suite 9000
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 1223 (Nguyen/Krell). Sacramento Transportation Authority
Modernization. - Request for Signature

Dear Governor Newsom,

On behalf of the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, I respectfully request that you sign AB 1223. This bill is a crucial step toward modernizing the Sacramento Transportation Authority (STA) by establishing a distinct code section for our agency within the Public Utilities Code. AB 1223 will provide the necessary flexibility to address modern transportation priorities and funding mechanisms in the Sacramento region.

Since Measure A in 1988, STA operates under the Local Transportation Authority and Improvement Act (LTAIA) and is limited in meeting evolving transportation demands. The current law focuses on traditional roadway infrastructure, leaving little room for innovative and sustainable solutions such as passenger rail, complete streets, active transportation, bikeways, and Intelligent Transportation Systems.

AB 1223 directly addresses these challenges by allowing STA to:

- Expand funding options for diverse transportation solutions, including sustainable and active transportation projects.
- Adapt its statutory authority over time to respond to emerging transportation needs and technologies.
- Clarify implied powers within the LTAIA to improve operational efficiency and coordination with regional transportation initiatives.
- Enhance its ability to leverage toll financing as a complementary funding source alongside sales tax revenues.

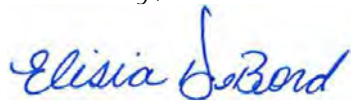
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The modernization of STA's statutory framework is essential to ensure that Sacramento can effectively address congestion, mobility, and sustainability goals.

For these reasons, Sacramento County asks that you sign AB 1223. Please feel free to contact me at (916) 874-4627 or deborde@saccounty.gov.

Sincerely,



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cc: Sacramento County Delegation
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