

April 9, 2019

The Honorable Cottie Petrie-Norris
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 4144
Sacramento, CA 95814



RE: AB 1402 (Petrie-Norris) – SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Petrie-Norris,

The San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) is pleased to support Assembly Bill 1402 to revise funding distribution for the Active Transportation Program (ATP).

The ATP distributes over \$100,000,000 in funding annually to encourage increased use of active modes of transportation, such as biking and walking. The current funding distribution methodology awards 50% of funds to projects statewide through competitive grants, 10% to projects in small urban and rural regions, and 40% of funds to metropolitan planning organizations (MPO) for distribution by each MPO based on relative population.

Revising the distribution percentages, allocating 75% to MPO's, 15% to small urban and rural regions and 10% to projects statewide awarded will provide a more equitable distribution of ATP funding statewide.

Additionally, we believe shifting the awarding of funds from the California Transportation Commission to the California Department of Transportation will provide for a more streamlined fund distribution.

Finally, we appreciate your inclusion of the requirement that our MPO, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), shall consult with the county transportation commissions, such as SBCTA, in development of the competitive selection criteria adopted by SCAG. We believe this will help ensure geographic equity and that program objectives reflect local priorities.

For these reasons, SBCTA is pleased to support AB 1402. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Ray Wolfe, Executive Director or Otis Greer, Director of Legislative and Public Affairs, at (909) 884-8276.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Darcy McNaboe', is written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Darcy McNaboe,
President, San Bernardino County Transportation Authority
Mayor, City of Grand Terrace

cc: Assembly Transportation Committee
San Bernardino County Delegation

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