



April 9, 2019

The Honorable Jim Beall
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 2082
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 152 – (Beall) - SUPPORT

Dear Senator Beall,

The San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) is pleased to support Senate Bill 152 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 allocation distribution percentages to 75% for MPO's, 15% for small urban and rural regions and 10% for projects will provide a more equitable distribution of ATP funding statewide.

Additionally, we appreciate your inclusion of the requirement that the California Transportation Commission adopt separate guidelines for the MPOs to ensure that they have enough discretion to adopt regional guidelines. In this vein, we encourage you to go even further and require that MPOs shall consult with county transportation commissions to improve geographic equity and help ensure program objectives reflect local priorities.

For these reasons, SBCTA is pleased to support SB 152. We sincerely appreciate your continued efforts on behalf of local transportation agencies. 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,

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

cc: San Bernardino County Delegation

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