

July 1, 2019



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

RE: SB 277(BEALL) SUPPORT

Dear Senator Beall,

On behalf the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) I write to express support for Senate Bill 277 (SB 277). SB 277 ensures the principles of fairness and consistency with the Legislature's original intent to adhere closely to Proposition 1B in the implementation of the Local Partnership Program.

As part of this long overdue infusion of resources into California's transportation infrastructure, Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) provided a reliable source of funding to counties that have had the courage, responsibility, and leadership to invest in regional infrastructure through voter-approved tax measures. However, despite what we understand, and what you have stated as your intent in authoring Senate Bill 1, the unfortunate result has been confusion and misunderstanding among transportation stakeholders as to how LPP funds should be administered. Thus, we believe SB 277 provides the necessary clarification.

Returning the LPP program to a formula-based program will ensure that local voters see tangible returns from the state on projects they prioritized for their communities. Further, our agencies and the CTC will experience significantly reduced overhead costs that would occur as a result of writing and reviewing expensive grant applications – on top of the other competitive SB 1 programs, such as the Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP) and Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (SCCP).

SBCTA is grateful for your leadership with Chairman Frazier in authoring SB 1, which has been a tremendous benefit to the state's transportation infrastructure, and thankful for the legislative clarity that SB 277 provides for the distribution of Local Partnership Program funds. For those reasons SBCTA supports SB 277 and looks forward to working with you and your staff. Please do not hesitate to contact Ray Wolfe, Executive Director or Otis Greer, Director of Legislative and Public Affairs with any questions regarding SBCTA's position on this issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Assembly Transportation Committee
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