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Ms. Tanisha Taylor California Transportation Commission 1120 N Street, MS 52 Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Ms. Taylor,

The County of Lake supports the application of Caltrans in partnership with Lake Area Planning Council (Lake APC) to the California's Transportation Commission (CTC) 2024 Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP) for the LAK-29 Konocti Corridor 2B Project (Project).

The County has pledged its support for many years for the completion of improvements to State Routes 20/29/53, which will provide benefits to the region at large. As County representatives for the Board of Directors for the Lake APC, we have supported the contribution of \$21 million in State Transportation Improvement Program Funds shares since 1998. As a local agency, we support this project as it provides benefits to our constituents as well as the region at large who use these roadways on a daily basis. The Project promotes a safety-first approach as well as providing critical transportation connectivity and economic improvements for the County and region. Having experienced numerous emergency events in the prior decade, this Project will also improve emergency access in times of disasters for residents and first responders of the community.

The Project will prioritize SR 29 for interregional freight and interregional traffic, improving safety, travel time reliability and efficiency through Lake County. In addition, the Project is part of a larger regional goal to support traffic calming and active transportation improvements through several disadvantaged "Main Street" communities on the adjacent north shore route of SR 20. By creating a safe and efficient southern route around Clear Lake, the Project will increase the health, safety and quality of life for members of these north shore communities and will also facilitate implementation of several community plans for multimodal, beautification, and economic revitalization.

The Project, along with improvements on the adjacent and connected routes of SR 20 and SR 53, will improve community connectivity and support a community-centered transportation project benefitting the adjacent disadvantaged communities.

The County of Lake strongly supports this application and thank the CTC for taking the time to review and consider this application for award.

<u>Sincerely,</u>
Bruno Sabatier, Chair
Lake County Board of Supervisors