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Midtown Neighborhood Association's Support for Senate Bill 1 Local Partnerships Program Application for the City of Sacramento's Grid 3.0 Investments

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The Midtown Neighborhood Association supports the City of Sacramento's application for funding for implementing Grid 3.0 to be one of the Sacramento Transportation Authority's top priorities for the competitive Local Partnership Program. With the implementation of Grid 3.0 as part of the Central City Specific Plan, the City will expand the role of downtown as the region's hub for living, working, commerce, arts, culture, entertainment, and government, by providing diverse, safe, and convenient mobility options.

We believe this project fully meets all the criteria for the Local Partnership Program and SB 1.

- 1. Reduces actual regional vehicle miles traveled (VMT) while accommodating over 13,000 new housing units and over 7 million square feet of new non-residential development and over 22,000 new jobs.
- 2. Supports increased and safer pedestrian, bicycle, and transit travel, making the Central City a more effective regional employment, visitor, cultural, and housing center, resulting in continued economic growth throughout the region. The plan will create a low-stress bicycle network, complete connections, provide improved pedestrian environment, and encourage convenient transit access, while allowing for continued automobile travel movement.
- 3. Achieves the goals of SB 1 by bringing some of the most highly used roadways in the region into a state of good repair, while providing better opportunities for a variety of travel options.

Grid 3.0 and the projects that implement it were developed in close coordination with our organization and we are excited to see those improvements get implemented this spring. We urge the Sacramento Transportation Authority Board to make it the priority regional project for submitting for the State's Local Partnership Program.

Respectfully,

Angela Tillotson, Chair

Midtown Neighborhood Association

Mission: To nurture our livable, vibrant, and evolving Midtown community through respectful collaboration among all classes, identities, and cultures.

Vision: To make Midtown Sacramento the most healthy, inclusive, and sustainable mixed-use community in America.

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