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Kerri Howell, Board Chair
Sacramento Transportation Authority

Dear Chair Howell,

The Midtown Neighborhood Association (MNA) supports Alternative 2 of the Transportation Expenditure Plan, Item 6. The Sacramento Region has an aging infrastructure system that cannot be maintained without the addition of a supplemental tax measure, as well as a growing list of needed transportation/transit improvements. The expenditure plan in Alternative 2 brings the most balanced funding approach to successfully implement a half-cent sales tax measure. It addresses the future needs of the region by tackling road repair, traffic relief, transit improvements, and pedestrian and bicycle enhancements.

STA's outreach and education campaign have shown a clear preference for fixing what we already have and improving services that we already administer. While Alternative 1 focuses on road repair in jurisdictions throughout the county, it lacks funding to repair and replace aging vehicles in the transit system. Alternative 2 provides a more balanced funding plan that focuses on jurisdiction-specific projects, including road repair, as well as improving the long-term stability of the transit system through bus and light rail replacement and system maintenance.

As the Sacramento region grows, our transportation system must grow with it. MNA applauds the work that staff and consultants have done to provide the board with information that will help guide the expenditure plan. We urge the board to support Alternative 2 for the draft transportation expenditure plan.

Sincerely,

Angela Tillotson, Chair

cc: Jeffrey Spencer, Executive Director, Sacramento transportation Authority

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