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Mr. David Aguirre  
Executive Director  
Imperial County Transportation Commission  
1503 N Imperial Avenue, Suite 92243

Dear Mr. Aguirre,

The community of Heber supports the application of the Imperial County Transportation Commission to the FY 2026-27 California Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program to provide funding to develop a comprehensive strategic transit-oriented development (TOD) plan to integrate housing, land use and public transportation around key transportation corridors. We understand that the project would include transit center planning for our community given the lack of an existing significant transit facility.

The proposed project will help implement the region's Connect SoCal 2024 RTP/SCS by reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from passenger vehicles and implement State priorities by contributing to the State's GHG reduction targets. The project will also assist in achieving the Caltrans Mission and Grant Program Objectives by increasing the accessibility of the transit system and mobility of people inclusive of older adults and those with disabilities and by decreasing exposure to local pollution sources. The project involves a coordinated approach to integrating land use and transportation in all phases of project planning and implementation.

The community supports the project purpose to encourage people to shift away from personal vehicles toward alternative transportation by increasing the attractiveness of public transit and active transportation to reduce energy consumption and vehicle emissions and increase mobility and accessibility for all including low mobility groups. We concur the plan should consider and incorporate strategies and complete streets elements to improve active transportation safety and transit service at and around a new transit center or key bus stops.

We look forward to hearing that the Imperial County Comprehensive Strategic TOD Plan was awarded funds from the FY 2026-27 California Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program.

Sincerely,

Helen Diaz-Molina  
Heber Public Utility District  
Board President

