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Todd A. Muck
Executive Director
Transportation Agency for Monterey County
55-B Plaza Circle
Salinas, CA 93901

SUBJECT: Support for the Monterey County Coastal Transportation Vulnerability Assessment

Dear Mr. Muck:

On behalf of the County of Monterey, I write to express our support for the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) Monterey County Regional Transportation Vulnerability Assessment and urge state and federal agencies to provide funding for this important project.

The County of Monterey supports protecting the County's vulnerable transportation infrastructure from the effects of climate change. Hazards brought on by climate change pose a serious threat to transportation infrastructure and thus the safety and quality of life of residents. Monterey County is already experiencing the impacts of climate change related events on the county's transportation infrastructure.

The Monterey County Regional Transportation Vulnerability Assessment will identify transportation infrastructure in coastal areas of the county to examine hazards affiliated with sea level rise, coastal flooding, and erosion. The assessment will draw on existing studies done in the county to understand how these impacts will affect transportation through the county and region. Through an equity lens, the assessment will identify critical priority projects and project areas, gaps, and opportunities for data collection and analysis, and facilitate coordination for regional structures to promote resilient and equitable transportation facilities.

TAMC is seeking to identify the transportation infrastructure at highest risk in our county, prioritizing infrastructure in disadvantaged communities. This is a transformative project that will facilitate the long-term climate adaptation planning for transportation infrastructure across Monterey County and the region.

The County of Monterey strongly supports this important regional climate vulnerability assessment effort.

Sincerely,

Luis A. Alejo, Chair
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