



The Honorable Lori D. Wilson
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 3173
Sacramento, CA 95814

January 7, 2026

RE: Assembly Bill 1421 (Wilson) – SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Wilson:

On behalf of our business, labor, local government and community member organizations throughout California, we write to express our strong support for AB 1421 and your continuing efforts to identify and implement a fair, accountable and affordable policy solution to address California's looming transportation funding crisis.

We applaud your work to address the growing transportation infrastructure funding gap by leading inclusive, community-driven conversations and engaging experts and stakeholders on this important issue. AB 1421 builds on these efforts by establishing a research-driven process led by the California Transportation Commission (CTC) to help inform the state's approach by exploring additional policy considerations.

As fuel-efficient and zero-emission vehicles (ZEVs) become more common on California roads, fewer drivers are paying their fair share of the user-based fuel taxes that local communities rely on to fix roads and bridges, enhance public safety and improve public transportation. According to the CTC, the transportation funding shortfall that the state and local communities are already facing is expected to grow by approximately \$31 billion over the next 10 years.

Given the vital role of transportation infrastructure in supporting the world's fourth-largest economy, creating good-paying jobs and helping more than 39 million people get from one place to another, it is critical that we protect our ability to fund future fixes and enhancements. An evidence-based approach – grounded in research and community engagement – will help ensure that our system for funding improvements to California's transportation infrastructure is effective, fair and works for all Californians.

We appreciate your continued leadership and dedication to addressing this issue and stand ready to support your ongoing efforts to advance policies that support our principles of fairness, economic growth and opportunity, public safety, accountability and enduring solutions.

Sincerely,

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