



March 27, 2017

The Honorable Melissa Melendez
67th Assembly District
State Capitol, Suite 3098
Sacramento, CA 94249

Via email to: assemblymember.melendez@assembly.ca.gov

Re: Support for AB 351 (Melendez): Transportation funding

Dear Assembly Member Melendez:

On behalf of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC), I am writing in support of Assembly Bill (AB) 351, Transportation funding (as introduced, February 8, 2017). This bill would return the weight fee revenues to the State Highway Account and would delete the requirement to transfer these revenues to the Transportation Debt Service Fund, thereby providing for these revenues to be used for any transportation purpose authorized by statute, upon appropriation by the Legislature. **TAMC supports this bill.**

The mission of TAMC is to develop and maintain a multimodal transportation system that enhances mobility, safety, access, environment quality and economic activities in Monterey County. TAMC supports your efforts to stabilize and increase transportation funding. This bill would keep transportation funding for the purpose it was intended, thus facilitating better planning and programming by making the actual amount of transportation funding in any given year more predictable. This bill would help TAMC, Monterey County, Cities and Caltrans to do much-needed roadway and highway improvements.

Thank you for your authorship of this bill and for supporting efforts to improve transportation in California. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Christina Watson of my staff at (831) 775-4406 or christina@tamcmonterey.org, or our Sacramento legislative analyst, John Arriaga, at (916) 669-1340 or jea@jeaandassociates.com.

Sincerely,

Debra L. Hale
Executive Director

cc: Hon. Anthony Cannella, 12th Senate District
Hon. Bill Monning, 17th Senate District
Hon. Mark Stone, 29th Assembly District
Hon. Anna Caballero, 30th Assembly District