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The Honorable Jay Obernolte
33rd Assembly District
State Capitol, Suite # 4116
Sacramento, CA 94249

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

**Re: Support for AB 1218 (Obernolte): California Environmental Quality Act:
exemption: bicycle transportation plans**

Dear Assembly Member Obernolte:

On behalf of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC), I am writing in support of Assembly Bill (AB) 1218, California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: bicycle transportation plans (as introduced, February 17, 2017). This bill would indefinitely extend California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exemptions for bicycle transportation plans and projects consistent with those plans. **TAMC supports this bill.**

Until January 1, 2018, CEQA exempts from its requirements bicycle transportation plans and projects consisting of restriping of streets and highways for bicycle lanes in an urbanized area that are consistent with a bicycle transportation plan.

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 legislation that promotes complete streets, alternative commutes, and active transportation projects and CEQA reform.

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,

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Executive Director

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