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Dear Darin:

The Tuolumne County Transportation Council (TCTC) announced that RSTP Exchange Funds were available to the County of Tuolumne and City of Sonora for transportation projects on June 14, 2017. The TCTC had advised that it anticipated approximately \$141,507 in RSTP Exchange funds to be available for such projects which the County submitted a request to use these funds in accordance with Section 133 of Title 23 of the United States Code.

It has been announced that the County qualifies for these funds and could be awarded funds for projects based on the following submission of project description, schedule and costs.

The following list of projects that qualify under the statute is being requested for the use of these funds for use in fiscal year 17/18:

Jacksonville Road Chip Seal, Total Project Cost \$798,000. The County will utilize other local funds in the amount of \$678,109 and is anticipating the award of grant from CalRecycle of \$119,891. In the event the County is not awarded the grant from Cal Recycle, the County would use the RSTP Exchange funds in lieu of the grant for his project. This is anticipated to be constructed in 2018.

The County would also request these funds to assist in the **operating costs for their traffic monitoring, management and control facilities**. The County routinely spends \$70,000 annually in operating costs on these facilities and the technology of the controllers within the signals are obsolete. The County would like to replace nine controllers out of their twelve traffic signals in the amount of \$58,950 in fiscal year 2018.

The County would also request these funds to assist in the **control of vegetation (roadside spraying)** for our roadside ditch systems. The County in fiscal year 16/17 eliminated the roadside spraying program due to lack of funds. The County historically spends \$60,000 annually to control vegetation in our roadside drainage facilities. Based on last year's cuts and elimination of the program, the damage to our roads were increased because of improper water flow in the drainage systems due to overgrowth of vegetation. In addition, as Cal Fire identified, cars that drag chains can spark this dry vegetation that is creeping into the edge of pavement causing fires. It is important to the County that this program be reinstated in fiscal year 17/18 in order to support the upcoming efforts of SB-1 in the Local Streets and Roads Program.