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The Honorable Denise Ducheny, Chair Joint Legislative Budget Committee 1020 N Street Room 552 Sacramento, CA 95814

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Dear Senator Ducheny, Senator Lowenthal, Assembly Member Eng. Ms. Boyer-Vine and Messrs. Schmidt and Wilson:

I am pleased to submit the California Department of Transportation's (Department) one-time report on the "Project Initiation Document Strategic Plan." This report is required under the provisions of the Budget Act of 2009. The provision says:

"Of the funds appropriated in Schedule (9), \$36,475,000 is for the Department of Transportation's preprogramming activities, including the preparation of project initiation documents. No later than October 1, 2009, the Department shall convene a working group in partnership with local agencies to identify options to share costs, lower costs, streamline procedures, and reduce delays associated with project initiation documents. The Department shall report the findings and recommendations of the working group to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee no later than March 1, 2010."

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Sincerely,

Director

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