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The Honorable Dawn Addis
California State Assembly
1021 O Street, Room 4120
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 761 (Addis) Monterey-Salinas Transit District: sales and special taxes. – SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Addis:

On behalf of County of Monterey, I write to convey our support for your legislation, AB 761 (Addis), which would authorize Monterey-Salinas Transit District (MST) to go to the voters of Monterey County to extend its current countywide 1/8-cent sales tax, as well as authorize an additional 1/8-cent to support MST's services.

On November 4, 2014, the voters of Monterey County approved the first-ever countywide sales tax measure for public transit - the Monterey-Salinas Transit Local Transit Funding for Senior Citizens, Veterans and People with Disabilities sales tax (Measure Q), which generates approximately \$7 million per year. Measure Q will expire in 2030 unless a new measure is placed before the voters and secures the approval of two-thirds of the voters.

Measure Q funds some vital services for veterans, seniors, and persons with disabilities in Monterey County. Five unique bus routes were designed to serve these very populations and are funded with Measure Q revenue. Additionally, a taxi voucher program for same-day trips was designed so these vulnerable individuals only pay \$3 for a \$20 trip, with Measure Q funding the balance of the taxi trip. Most significantly, Measure Q helps support the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) required door-to-door paratransit service for individuals with physical and cognitive disabilities. A number of other Measure Q-funded services help veterans, seniors, and persons with disabilities maintain their independence.

MST recently conducted polling of likely voters in Monterey County and found that MST services are very popular with voters, with 75% of likely voters supportive of Measure Q's extension.

For these reasons the County of Monterey is pleased to offer our support of AB 761.

Sincerely,

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Chris M. Lopez, Chair
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cc: The Honorable John Laird, 17th Senate District
The Honorable Robert Rivas, 29th Assembly District
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