



March 13, 2026

The Honorable Monique Limon
Senate President pro Tempore
Chair, Senate Rules Committee
1021 O Street, Suite 8518
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support for the Confirmation of Dina El-Tawansy, California Department of Transportation

Dear President pro Tempore Limon,

On behalf of Transportation California and our undersigned member organizations, representing the transportation industry and workforce that designs, builds, repairs, and maintains California's statewide multimodal transportation system, we write to express our support for the appointment and confirmation of Dina El-Tawansy as Director of the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans).

California is at a pivotal moment. The state faces a growing transportation funding crisis, increasing emergency and resilience costs, and public expectations for safe, reliable, and well-maintained multimodal infrastructure. Declining fuel tax revenues and aging assets require strong leadership to prioritize investments, improve accountability, and accelerate project delivery.

With more than three decades of service at Caltrans, including her tenure as Bay Area District 4 Director, Director El-Tawansy brings deep institutional knowledge and a strong track record of managing complex infrastructure programs and projects. She understands the importance of maintaining the existing system, delivering projects on time and on budget, and ensuring that limited transportation dollars produce real, measurable outcomes for the traveling public.

Director El-Tawansy has also built productive and transparent relationships with the transportation construction industry and local and regional partners. Her commitment to open dialogue and

collaborative approaches is essential as California works to deliver major investments and protect the jobs and economic activity supported by transportation infrastructure.

Equally important, Director El-Tawansy recognizes that California's multimodal transportation system is foundational to economic growth, goods movement, emergency response, and quality of life. Her focus on accountability, performance, and long-term system preservation reflects the priorities of the voters and the Legislature and will be critical as the state evaluates future funding solutions and modernization strategies.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge the Senate Rules Committee to confirm Dina El-Tawansy as Director of the California Department of Transportation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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