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## TUOLUMNE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

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Mr. Dennis Agar, Director  
Caltrans District 10  
1976 E. Charter Way  
Stockton, CA 95205

**RE: US Bicycle Route 85 Letter of Support**

Dear Mr. Agar:

The Tuolumne County Transportation Council (TCTC) would like to offer our support for the designation of proposed U.S. Bicycle Route 85 (USBR 85) through our County. We recognize that bicycle tourism is a growing industry in North America, contributing to the economies of communities that provide facilities for such tourists. As a region that benefits from both domestic and international tourism, we stand to benefit from this opportunity both economically and from the health and environmental related benefits of encouraging bicycle travel in our region.

The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) has designated a bicycle route corridor through Yosemite National Park in Tuolumne County to be developed as United States Bicycle Route 85 (USBR 85) that connects riders as part of a north-south route and to a (proposed) larger and more extensive National network.

I am contacting you to indicate the Tuolumne County Transportation Councils support for designating USBR 85 in our region.

The proposed route for USBR 85 we hope will provide a benefit to our residents and businesses and we endorse having the route mapped and signed, thereby promoting bicycle tourism in our area. Therefore the TCTC hereby expresses its support for USBR 85, and requests that the appropriate officials nominate the route for AASHTO designation as soon as this can be achieved.

Respectfully,

Michael Ayala, Chair  
Tuolumne County Transportation Council