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November 12, 2013

Caltrans-Landscape Architecture
Michael Mills/Sherry Alexander
2015 E. Shields Avenue, Suite 100
Fresno, CA 93726

Subject: Letter of Intent - Officially Designated Scenic Highway, State Route 180
Fresno County

Dear Mr. Mills and Ms. Alexander:

The County of Fresno is pleased to submit this Letter of Intent to the California State Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Landscape Architecture, supporting the Official Scenic Highway designation for the following portions (60.7 miles), of State Route 180 in Fresno County:

From Trimmer Springs Rd. to the Tulare County Line and from Highway 180 from Kings Canyon National Park boundary near General Grant Grove to Kings Canyon National Park boundary near Cedar Grove.

Since 1976, the Fresno County General Plan has designated the subject portions of SR 180 listed above as a Scenic Highway. This designation was carried forward with the adoption of the 2000 General Plan Update. Also included in the 2000 General Plan Update is the following policy and implementation program which supports the proposed designation:

Policy OS-L.9 *The County shall work with the Department of Transportation to pursue scenic highway designation from the State of California for the State highway segments eligible for such designation.*

Program OS-L.B *The County shall work with the California Department of Transportation to apply for scenic highway designation for the State highway segments eligible for such designation, and take necessary steps for approval, including adoption of scenic corridor protection programs for eligible segments.*

It is further the intent of Fresno County to continue to support the Sierra Gateway Trust Inc., a nonprofit organization, to assist in implementing the Fresno County General Plan to obtain the State of California Scenic Highway designation for the above segments of State Route 180.

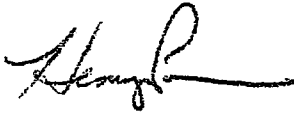
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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Bernard Jimenez, Deputy Director of Planning at (559) 600-4234.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Henry Perea", written in a cursive style.

Supervisor Henry Perea, Chairman
Fresno County Board of Supervisors

c: Board of Supervisors
Bernard Jimenez, Deputy Director

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