

April 30, 2026

Mr. Robert Phipps
Executive Director
Fresno Council of Governments
2035 Tulare Street, Suite 201
Fresno, CA 93721

Dear Mr. Phipps,

Re: Fresno State Transportation Institute – Request for Revised Funding Consideration Under Fresno County Transportation Authority’s (FCTA’s) New Technology Reserve Fund

On behalf of the Fresno State Transportation Institute (FSTI), I would like to thank the FCTA Board for its recent recommendation to provide additional funding and a two-year contract extension. We appreciate the Board’s continued support of transportation innovation, workforce development, and regional advancement.

Following the Board meeting, we met with staff from FCTA and Fresno COG to better understand the program and implementation considerations associated with this funding. These discussions were helpful in informing our review of FSTI’s operational needs, current contract timeline, and future funding opportunities.

Based on that review, we respectfully request consideration of a revised funding amount of \$375,000. This level of support would allow FSTI to maintain full operations through December 31, 2026, consistent with the end of our current contract term.

This request reflects our intent to pursue longer-term funding through the upcoming Advanced Technology Request for Proposals (RFP), which is expected to be released in May 2026. FSTI plans to submit a proposal in response to the RFP seeking funding through June 30, 2029. This approach would allow us to sustain current operations while participating in a competitive process for the next phase of work.

Accordingly, we respectfully request:

1. Approval of \$375,000 in Measure C funding to support FSTI operations through December 31, 2026; and
2. Confirmation that FSTI is eligible to apply under the upcoming Fresno COG Advanced Technology RFP.

We value our ongoing partnership with the FCTA Board and Fresno COG and remain committed to delivering meaningful results for Fresno County.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me if additional information is needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "ALY TAWFIK".

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