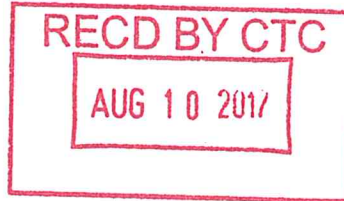


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Dear Chair Alvarado:

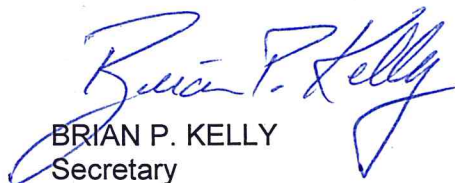
I write to thank you and the Commission for your action at the June meeting that granted initial approval for Caltrans to begin the work of installing Zero-Emission Vehicle (ZEV) electric charging stations at 30 department-owned, publicly-accessible facilities – primarily highway safety roadside rest areas.

As you know, this work is part of the Governor's 2016 Zero-Emission Vehicle Action Plan, and allows Caltrans to close important gaps for interregional travelers on the "West Coast Electric Highway" and elsewhere on the State Highway System. Caltrans developed the project locations in collaboration with the California Energy Commission and other partners. Closing these gaps in charging facilities, will provide confidence to the general public, the freight industry, other businesses, and public agencies that they can meet their travel and goods movement needs with zero-emission vehicles.

To implement these ZEV charging stations, the Governor proposed and the Legislation approved, funding in the 2017 Budget Act for this purpose. The provisions in the 2017 Budget Act were intended to authorize SHOPP funds for any and all components of ZEV charging stations including equipment; however, both the Legislature and the Commission have urged that full effort be made to identify funding partners to offset the cost of this program. I agree with this direction and I am aware that Caltrans is actively working with governmental and non-governmental partners to identify opportunities to bring matching funds to this project. I encourage any assistance the Commission can provide in this regard.

I look forward to working with the Commission to implement this program.

Sincerely,



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