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Honorable Richard Bloom, Chair
Assembly Budget Subcommittee #3
State Capitol, Room 2179
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Bridgeport Covered Bridge budget allocation

Dear Assemblyman Bloom:

We're writing you today regarding the Bridgeport Covered Bridge located in the beautiful Yuba River State Park in Nevada County. Bridgeport Covered Bridge is the oldest covered bridge in the nation.

Currently in the Governor's budget proposal, the 5 year infrastructure plan includes \$1.261 million allocated as \$318,000 in 2014-2015, \$943,000 in 2016-2017 to complete the Bridgeport Restoration Project. While we appreciate the Governor's attention to this important project, we have some concerns over the allocation schedule. The local jurisdiction has their matching funds in place and are at risk of losing them if we don't act soon.

The initial phase of the project is funded and shovel ready and scheduled to take place in 2014. Phase 2 still needs a technical and design plan prepared but should be shovel ready well ahead of the 2015-2016 budget. As a result of this readiness, we respectfully ask that the funds currently allocated for the 2016-2017 budget year be accelerated to the 2015-2016 budget year.

Bridgeport Covered Bridge crosses the beautiful Yuba River and in its current state of decay, faces the real risk of incurring further damage if we have a return of normal to high water flows. We would hate to see any further damage occur to this vital piece of California's history.

We thank you for your consideration of this request. Please feel free to contact us if you should have any further questions.

Sincerely,


BRIAN DAHLE
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