



# COUNTY OF YOLO

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The Honorable Christopher M. Ward  
1021 O Street, Suite 4220  
Sacramento, CA 95814

### **RE: AB 2120- SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblymember Ward,

The County of Yolo supports your AB 2120, which would ensure a fair and needs-based allocation of bridge formula funding from the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). These funds would help close the significant gap between what is needed to repair and replace deteriorated local bridges and the \$300 million per year currently available statewide.

Specifically, AB 2120 would apply California's historic formula from the prior federal Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Program to the distribution of bridge formula funds from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), allocating 55% to local projects. AB 2120 would also require the state to maintain its current commitment of flexible federal highway funding to local bridges. Taken together, these changes would increase federal funding available to local bridges from approximately \$300 million annually to approximately \$800 million annually.

California has over 12,000 locally-owned bridges—more than 4,300 of which need costly repairs. Despite a typical design life of 75 to 100 years, nearly one-fifth of local bridges are at least 80 years old. There is a significant disparity in the condition of state and local bridges, with 11.5% of local bridges in poor condition compared to only 3.3% of state bridges. At the current rate of funding, the percentage of local bridges in poor condition will climb to above 50% within the next 20 years. Simply preventing further decay in local bridge conditions would require nearly \$800 million each year—an increase of approximately \$500 million annually.

Thank you for your leadership in addressing this important issue for counties. Please contact Alexander Tengolics in the County Administrator's Office at (530) 666-8068 or [alexander.tengolics@yolocounty.org](mailto:alexander.tengolics@yolocounty.org) with any questions about the County's position.

Sincerely,

Angel Barajas  
Chair, Yolo County Board of Supervisors

cc: The Honorable Bill Dodd  
The Honorable Cecilia Aguiar-Curry