EL DORADO TRANSIT

January 12, 2021

Sacramento Area Council of Governments
1415 L Street, Suite 300
Sacramento, CA 95814
Attn: James Corless, Executive Director

RE: Letter of Support for Connect Card Version 2.0

Dear Mr. Corless,

The management of the El Dorado County Transit Authority (El Dorado Transit) supports the Sacramento Regional Transit District's (SacRT) application to the 2020 Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) Regional Funding Round for the Connect Card Version 2.0 Project. The Connect Card Version 2.0 is a collaborative effort in partnership with transit agencies throughout the six-county SACOG region.

Connect Card Version 2.0 modernizes the current fare collection systems for the various transit agencies that operate throughout the Sacramento region. The project would move the region to an account-based ticketing system (ABT) that allows for enhanced interoperability between transit providers, greater payment flexibility, increased security, and a more open architecture that allows for competitive bidding and upgrades in the future. The project would also be open payments ready, meaning that in the future, customers may be able to board the bus and use their debit/credit card, apple pay, google pay, etc. to tap directly on the fare collection device.

El Dorado Transit staff values our working relationship with the Connect Card Consortium and strongly supports their SACOG Regional Flexible Funding Round application. Given the many public and private benefits associated with this project for our region, I urge you to support their application.

Sincerely,

Matthew Mauk
Executive Director