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Dear Mr. Mammano:

Thank you for the recent letter regarding California's safety performance target achievement assessment. Based on our independent evaluation, we agree with your target achievement determination.

While the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) adopted aspirational, vision-based targets for the 2014-2018 period- consistent with the California Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) and Caltrans' Strategic Management Plan (SMP), these targets were not established within the context of a specific set of investments, policies, and strategies.

Moving forward, Caltrans will restructure the State's safety target setting process through the now-required Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Implementation Plan. Although we'll continue to have a vision-based target (i.e., zero fatalities and serious injuries by 2050) for longer-term safety performance, we will adopt interim, hard targets that will act as measurable milestones that will annually advance our broader vision. We'll work to clearly align the SHSP, HSIP and annual safety targets. The SHSP will continue to establish high-level, long-term goals while proposed projects funded under the HSIP will allow explicit progress toward achieving the targets. We will collaborate with the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) during the target setting process to ensure alignment of the three common core safety performance measures required within the HSIP and the Highway Safety Plan. We'll work towards a strong partnership with OTS to focus and apply funds under both programs toward the same safety targets and goals in order to maximize the ability to reduce traffic fatalities and serious injuries. We will increase statewide participation during the safety target setting process by developing a focused

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stakeholder engagement. We look forward to delivering our HSIP Implementation Plan in collaboration with the Federal Highway Administration.

As our number one priority, the Caltrans goal of reducing traffic fatalities and serious injuries to zero will require a focused effort and strong partnership by a diverse group of stakeholders. Through a restructured process for aligning our various safety related efforts, we will show our commitment with action reflected in investments, policies, and strategies that continually prioritize safety.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (916) 654-6130 or Rachel Carpenter, Chief Safety Officer, at (916) 662-4485 or by e-mail sent to <rachel.carpenter@dot.ca.gov>.

Sincerely,



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California Safety Performance Target Achievement Determination Letter

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