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RE: Comments on Draft California Sustainable Freight Action Plan (CSFAP)

The National Center for Sustainable Transportation is a consortium of leading universities committed to advancing an environmentally sustainable transportation system through cutting-edge research, direct policy engagement, and education of our future leaders. The consortium is led by the Institute of Transportation Studies at the University of California, Davis, in partnership with University of California, Riverside; University of Southern California; California State University, Long Beach; Georgia Institute of Technology; and University of Vermont.

The National Center for Sustainable Transportation participated in the Freight Efficiency Strategies Development Group (FESDG), which was formed to provide input to the CSFAP. This group is made up of freight experts from academia, industry, and government. The purpose and main task of this group was to produce a series of white papers that identify promising strategies for increasing the efficiency of the freight system. Researchers affiliated with the National Center for Sustainable Transportation served as the main authors for five out of the six papers in this series.

The National Center for Sustainable Transportation looks forward to continuing to work with members of the FESDG and the interagency sustainable freight workgroup to further investigate strategies for improving the efficiency of the freight system. Specifically, we would like to contribute towards the implementation of the plan by hosting forums that engage industry, government, environmental organizations, and academia in further discussing and exploring potential strategies and solutions for creating a more efficient, economically competitive, and environmentally sustainable freight system.

Thank you.

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