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Caltrans-Landscape Architecture
Diana Gomez, District 6 Director
Brad Cole, Landscape Architect
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Subject: Letter of Intent – Officially Designated Scenic Highway, State Route 180 Fresno County

Dear Ms. Gomez and Mr. Cole,

The County of Fresno is pleased to submit this Letter of Intent to the California State Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Landscape Architecture, supporting the Official Scenic Highway designation for the following portion (3.7 miles), of State Route 180 in Fresno County:

From Trimmer Springs Rd to the Alta Main Canal, Post Miles 74.9 to 78.6.

Since 1976, the Fresno County General Plan has designated the subject portion of SR 180 listed above as a Scenic Highway. This designation was carried forward with the adoption of the 2024 General Plan Update. Also included in the 2024 General Plan Update is a policy and implementation program, which supports the proposed designation effort as follows:

- Policy OS-L.9: The County shall work with the Department of Transportation to pursue scenic highway designation from the State of California for the State highway segments eligible for such designation (including those listed in the Scenic Roadways list below and any other segments added).
- Program OS-L.A: The County shall work with Caltrans to apply for scenic highway designation for the State highway segments eligible for such designation, and take necessary steps for approval, including adoption of scenic corridor protection programs for eligible segments.

It is further the intent of Fresno County to continue to support the Sierra Gateway Trust Inc., a nonprofit organization, to assist in implementing the Fresno County General Plan to obtain the Stat of California Scenic Highway designation for the above segment of State Route 180.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Tawanda Mtunga, Principal Planner Development Services at (559) 600-4230.

Sincerely,

Supervisor Nathan Magsig, Chairman
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