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Dear Mr. Wayne:

This letter is to express Shasta College's commitment to supporting the Regional Transportation Planning Authority's long-range regional planning efforts. This is in keeping with Shasta College's strategic goal of sustainability, which is the subject of a number of programs and initiatives at the College. In the near term, we would like to offer support to RTPA's initiative to develop regional GIS data for planning and regional collaboration.

The Shasta College Foundation is spearheading efforts to expand sustainability of our Redding campus. These include sponsorship of the recent Sustainability Conference, along with monitoring and restoration of Stillwater Creek. Reducing Shasta College's 'carbon footprint' is a central unifying goal of these efforts.

Shasta College's Economic and Workforce Development (EWD) Division has also engaged in a concerted effort in sustainability with the establishment of unit-based renewable energy programs and numerous community based courses and programs related to renewable and other components of sustainability. A primary initiative of EWD is the continued strengthening and development of effective working relationships with the District's various community partners. This collaborative spirit has allowed a greater positive impact on the development of the local workforce and the measurable enhancement of the economic well being of the communities served.

Shasta College's GIS Program is a workforce-directed program that can provide interns and technicians in support of GIS data development. Current collaboration with local GIS firms, the California Industry Driven Regional Collaboratives program, and California State University, Chico are among the efforts that demonstrate our GIS capacity. Furthermore, our Information Technology Department may offer support to data storage and efforts.

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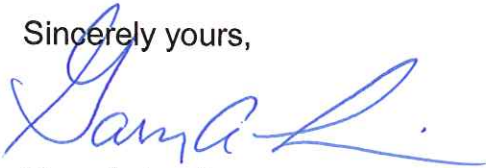
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Please let us know how we can support the RTPA's efforts as you move ahead developing your plans and strategies.

Sincerely yours,



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