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RE: Transportation California, a coalition of contractors, allied labor, material providers and business affiliates, issued the following statement today regarding the appointment of Roger Dickinson as Executive Director

NEWS ADVISORY: DICKINSON NAMED TO INDUSTRY TRANSPORTATION POST

Former Assembly Member Roger Dickinson has been appointed as the Executive Director of Transportation California, a Sacramento-based construction industry organization dedicated to improving the state's transportation infrastructure. Dickinson will replace long-time transportation advocate Will Kempton who is retiring. "We are very pleased to have someone of Roger's experience and acumen fill this position," said Transportation California Chairman John Franich. "With his background and passion for transportation, our organization will be able to continue its efforts to gain additional funding and implement appropriate reforms for the program without skipping a beat."

Dickinson, an attorney for the Greenberg Traurig law firm, previously represented Sacramento in the State Assembly where he served for four years. Prior to his election to the Assembly, he spent seventeen years on the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors where he pursued his interest in transportation as a member of the Sacramento Regional Transit Board of Directors and also served on the Board of the Sacramento Transportation Authority. "I am delighted to be returning to the field of transportation," said Dickinson, "and I look forward to working with the many stakeholders throughout California who are committed to repairing and restoring our State's transportation system."

As a member of the Fix Our Roads Coalition, Transportation California is working with the Administration and the Legislature to make transportation funding and reforms a priority this year. Dickinson sees his new role as a challenge, but points out that with highways, streets/roads, and transit/rail facilities in a state of decline, our transportation needs continue to grow. "The longer we wait to fix the problems, the bigger and more expensive they become," Dickinson said. "We have to take action now."

Dickinson holds a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from the University of California, Berkeley, and earned his law degree from UCLA. He will assume his new role at Transportation California on February 16th.