



April 28, 2020

Mr. Mitch Weiss
Executive Director
California Transportation Commission
1120 N Street, MS 52
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Senate Bill 1 (SB1) 2020 Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP) Deadlines & Milestones

Dear Director Weiss:

On behalf of the Port of Oakland ("Port"), I would like to express our appreciation for the efforts of the California Transportation Commission ("CTC") to support the essential transportation and goods movement agencies and service providers throughout the entire State's supply chain network. This support is instrumental as we both respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and then prepare for the future transportation needs of our citizens and business sectors that will support the California's economic recovery efforts.

From the Port's unique perspective, our staff, tenants and customers have been at the forefront of this crisis beginning with the Grand Princess cruise ship disembarkation in Oakland. In our case, we mobilized and repurposed a portion of our industrial seaport into a State and federal humanitarian mission in the span of 48 hours, and then utilized the Oakland International Airport as a staging ground for repatriation flights for the passengers and crewmembers departing the ship. Despite the subsequent shelter-in-place orders throughout the region and State, both the Port and Airport have also remained operational and fully functioning, with our staff resources strained yet completely dedicated to providing essential governmental and business services on behalf of first responders and our residents.

Unfortunately, as a result of the evolving challenges of this international crisis, the Port of Oakland is concurrently assessing and forecasting significant negative financial impacts associated with the dramatic decline in airline travel and tourist destination utilization, and even a reduction in seaport cargo throughput, as many non-essential businesses that import goods have been temporarily shuttered. The short- and long-term economic impacts to the Port and Airport, which does not receive any direct tax revenue for its daily operations and must rely on lease payments from many businesses that are also in economic distress, are unprecedented. As such, the impacts of COVID-19 have required the Port to immediately assess and re-prioritize our internal resources and project efforts with a near-term focus on regulatory and/or essential projects that are responsive to the areas of most critical and operational need.

SB1 Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP) funds support the delivery of key freight infrastructure improvements across the State. As such, the Port of Oakland appreciates the CTC's proposed recommendation to extend the 2020 TCEP schedule from its original July 15th target date to an extended August 3, 2020 application deadline. As the Port's ongoing response to the Coronavirus pandemic continues, however, there is a great concern that the proposed three-week application extension, may still not allow sufficient time for many seaport and trade industry partners to respond to the Cycle 2 TCEP Call for Projects underway. This concern is even more pronounced if all of the other project entitlement and delivery milestones aside from the application deadline date remain unchanged.

The Port, along with its Bay Area regional public agency partners, have identified candidate TCEP freight projects that are consistent with goals supported by regional, State and federal freight programs and plans. We respectfully offer for consideration a potential bifurcation of a portion of the TCEP program for trade-related initiatives, as separate from more traditional highway or public works projects which might actually benefit from the fact that many roadways are less congested and will likely be for some time. This bifurcation could provide many trade industry partners, including, seaports, with the additional time necessary to prepare and submit project applications and, most importantly, to have the confidence that the related project delivery milestones can be realistically achieved.

Thank you for your consideration of this TCEP deadline extension and program segmentation request, as the CTC prepares to approve an amended 2020 TCEP schedule at its upcoming Commission meeting. Should you require any additional information in support of this request please contact Matt Davis, Director of Government Affairs at (510) 627-1430 or mdavis@portoakland.com.

Best Regards,

Kristi McKenney

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Paul Van Konynenburg
California Transportation Commission, Chair
1020 N Street, MS 52
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Re: SB 1 Cycle 2 Schedule Amendments - Support

Dear Chair Van Konynenburg:

On behalf of the Transportation Authority of Marin, we strongly support the CTC staff recommendation proposed on the April 29th agenda to amend the SB 1 Cycle 2 competitive program schedules.

The proposed extensions would allow for flexibility for application submittals, while maintaining December as the month for program adoption, particularly for the Local Partnership Program and Solutions for Congested Corridors Program. Delaying the application due dates for the Active Transportation Program is also beneficial for local jurisdictions that have been impacted by COVID-19.

Given Marin's small size and our reliance on the state to help fully fund projects that provide a statewide and regional benefit, it is imperative that we have an opportunity to apply for these grant programs. Having the additional application time will greatly assist in being able to leverage our local sales tax to put people to work, revive our economy, and provide long-lasting multi-modal benefits for our region.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to working with you and the CTC on issues of mutual interest.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Anne Richman".

Anne Richman
Executive Director

cc: Mitch Weiss, Executive Director California Transportation Commission