



May 11, 2020

Chairman Paul Van Konynenburg
Vice Chair Hilary Norton
California Transportation Commission
1120 N Street, MS 52
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: Trade Corridor Enhancement Project (TCEP) Allocation for State Highway Project on Interstate 5 in Northern Los Angeles County (Item 89) - SUPPORT

Dear Chairman Konynenburg and Vice Chair Norton,

On behalf of the Valley Industry & Commerce Association (VICA) and over 400 members we represent, we urge you to consider allocating \$247 million in SB-1 funds for the construction of improvements to Interstate 5 in North Los Angeles County.

The Interstate 5 Golden State Chokepoint Relief / Capacity Enhancement Project, in the planning process for nearly 20 years, is ready for construction. The project elements include additional truck lanes, HOV lanes, auxiliary lanes, soundwalls and an ITS hub station. In addition, seven bridges will be widened and access improvements will be made to a weigh station.

In the immediate term, construction of these I-5 improvements will create well-paying jobs for Californians. Completion of this long-awaited project will expedite movement of goods and services, as well as improve safety for trucks and passenger vehicles while leveraging the state's investment with federal and local dollars.

We urge the Commission to approve the allocation for this timely investment in much needed transportation infrastructure.

Thank you for your consideration on this issue.

Sincerely,

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Brad Rosenheim
VICA Chair

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Stuart Waldman
VICA President



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May 8, 2020

Cameron Smyth
Mayor

The Honorable Paul Van Konynenburg
Chairman
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Bill Miranda
Mayor Pro Tem

Dear Chairman Van Konynenburg and Members of the California
Transportation Commission:

Bob Kellar
Councilmember

On behalf of the City of Santa Clarita, I am pleased to submit this letter of support for the Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP) Interstate 5 Golden State Chokepoint Relief (PPNO 3189B) project and urge the California State Commission (CTC) to approve the \$247 million TCEP allocation, to be considered before you on May 13, 2020.

Marsha McLean
Councilmember

This project offers a comprehensive approach to fixing congestion and addressing safety along a critical stretch of Interstate 5 in north Los Angeles County through construction of truck and High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes. The improvements focus on alleviating a major chokepoint in the rapidly-growing Santa Clarita Valley where, due to topographic constraints, Interstate 5 serves as the major north-south link between the agricultural areas and logistics centers of the Central Valley and the Los Angeles Basin, where the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach support 40 percent of the nation's containerized freight volumes.

Laurene Weste
Councilmember

The City of Santa Clarita is located at the northern gateway to the greater Los Angeles region in north Los Angeles County. The City's population has more than doubled since incorporation 30 years ago. The community has grown from approximately 110,000 residents in 1990 to approximately 225,000 residents today within the incorporated area, and another 70,000 people residing in the adjacent unincorporated area. Collectively, this area is known as the Santa Clarita Valley. Santa Clarita is currently the third most populous municipality in Los Angeles County and the 17th most populous city out of 482 cities within the State of California. The extensive local growth, when combined with statewide population growth and heightened regional, state, and national demands for better facilitated goods movement, has placed increasing and significant pressure on Interstate 5 and arterials through our community.



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Interstate 5 is a vital international trade corridor that stretches 800 miles from Mexico to Canada, much of its corridor length spanning the entire state. The lack of route choices along this chokepoint, combined with challenging inclined terrain, not only heightens the vulnerability of local residents and businesses to major traffic incidents and natural disasters, but makes the entire West Coast vulnerable to paralyzing supply chain disruptions along the entirety of Interstate 5. Investing in this project is critical to ensuring the economic vitality of the region and the state, freight system resilience, and state of good repair.

The City of Santa Clarita fully supports CTC approving \$247 million in TCEP funding for this critically needed project to support regional and statewide economic vitality and connectivity for freight and passenger mobility.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments. Should you or your staff require any additional information regarding the City of Santa Clarita's support for this project, please contact Masis Hagobian, Intergovernmental Relations Analyst, at (661) 286-4057 or mhagobian@santa-clarita.com.

Sincerely,



Cameron Smyth
Mayor

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RE: TCEP ALLOCATION FOR STATE HIGHWAY PROJECT ON INTERSTATE 5 IN
NORTHERN LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Dear Chairman Konynenburg and Vice Chair Norton:

The project before you on the May 13 CTC agenda (item#89) asks you to consider allocating \$247 million in SB-1 funds towards construction of improvements to Interstate 5 in North Los Angeles County. We respectfully urge the Commission to approve the allocation for this timely investment in much needed transportation infrastructure.

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In the short term, construction of these I-5 improvements will create jobs. Completion of this long-awaited project will expedite movement of goods and services and improve safety for trucks and passenger vehicles, while leveraging the state's investment with federal and local dollars.

Your serious consideration for allotting state funds for construction of this critically needed transportation infrastructure project is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Tom Lackey

Tom Lackey
Assemblyman, 36th District

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This 13.4-mile north/south segment of the I-5, beginning at the I-5/SR-14 Interchange and terminating at Castaic, accommodates well over 200,000 vehicles every day, under normal circumstances. At any given time, an estimated 12%-25% of the traffic volume comprises freight-carrying trucks.

The completed design includes the construction of truck lanes, HOV lanes, auxiliary lanes, soundwalls and an ITS hub station. Seven bridges will be widened and access to a weigh station will be improved.

The project addresses congestion and safety challenges in this important trade corridor, connecting the Central Valley to the Santa Clarita Valley to our ports. Importantly, this Interstate 5 segment serves as the gateway to Los Angeles and trade routes north and east.

The I-5 Golden State Chokepoint Relief Program will expedite goods movement, improve safety, create jobs and contribute to the economic vitality of my district and the State as a whole. The project will add capacity for trucks and cars, increasing vehicle throughput and levels of service. The project will further enhance separation of cars and slower moving heavy trucks on steep grades. Thank you for your consideration.



Sincerely,

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Christy Smith

Assemblywoman, 38th District

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May 7, 2020

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Sincerely,

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Senator Scott Wilk
21st Senate District

May 12, 2020

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

RE: TCEP Allocation for State Highway Project on Interstate 5 in Northern Los Angeles County

Dear Mr. Weiss:

On behalf of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce (Chamber), I am writing in support of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (Metro) application for improvements to the Interstate 5 (I-5) in Northern Los Angeles County, which requests \$247 million in SB 1 funding from the Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP) grant funding. The allocations of these funds will be a timely investment in much needed transportation infrastructure.

The I-5 Golden State Chokepoint Relief/Capacity Enhancement Project, which has been in the planning process for nearly 20 years, is now ready for construction. The project elements include truck lanes, high-occupancy vehicle lanes, auxiliary lanes, sound walls, and an intelligent transportation system hub station. Additionally, seven bridges will be widened and access to weight stations will be improved.

In the short term, the construction of this project will create local jobs. Once this long awaited project is completed, it will expedite goods movement and improve safety for trucks and passenger vehicles, while leveraging the state's investment with federal and local dollars.

For these reasons, the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce requests CTC approval of this TCEP grant application and appreciate your consideration and leadership. If you have questions please contact Kendal Asuncion, Manager of Public Policy, at (213) 580-7518 or kasuncion@lachamber.com. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Maria Salinas
President & CEO

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Your serious consideration for allotting state funds for construction of this critically needed transportation infrastructure project is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Senator Scott Wilk
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In the short term, construction of these I-5 improvements will create high quality jobs in an essential sector of our workforce. Completion of this long-awaited project will expedite movement of goods and services and improve safety for trucks and passenger vehicles, while leveraging the state's investment with federal and local dollars.

Again, I urge your support for funding this critically needed transportation infrastructure project and thank you for your time a thoughtful consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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KATHRYN BARGER
Supervisor, Fifth District
Chair, Board of Supervisors

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