



A coalition of community and business leaders focused on the health and vitality of California's transportation backbone:
— Interstate 5 —

May 7, 2020

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

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 this allocation for this timely investment in much needed transportation infrastructure.

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, Port Hueneme and the Santa Clarita Valley. 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, as the project has been called, will expedite goods movement, improve safety, create jobs and contribute to the economic vitality of the region and the State. The project will add capacity for trucks and cars, increasing vehicle throughput and levels of service. The project will enhance separation of cars and slower moving heavy trucks on steep grades. And, the project will serve as a regional economic engine, creating jobs, while leveraging the state allocation with local and federal funding.

The Golden State Gateway Coalition is a non-profit transportation education and advocacy organization, founded in 2002. Our members include community and business leaders in the greater Santa Clarita Valley region. Our mission is to improve roadway transportation infrastructure in north Los Angeles County.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Victor E. Lindenheim
Executive Director

C: Mitch Weiss, CTC

Senator Scott Wilk
Senator Henry Stern
Assemblymember Christy Smith
Assemblymember Tom Lackey
County Supervisor Kathryn Barger
David Kim, CalSTA
John Bulinski, Caltrans
Phil Washington, LA Metro
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Your serious consideration for allotting state funds for construction of this critically needed transportation infrastructure project is greatly appreciated.

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Holly Schroeder
President & CEO
Santa Clarita Valley Economic Development Corporation



North Los Angeles County
Transportation Coalition

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Dear Chairman Konynenburg and Vice Chair Norton:

On behalf of the North Los Angeles County Transportation Coalition JPA (NCTC) member jurisdictions Los Angeles County 5th District, the Cities of Lancaster, Palmdale and Santa Clarita located in North Los Angeles County, I am pleased to submit this letter supporting the **\$247 million TCEP Allocation for State Highway Project on I-5 in Northern Los Angeles County.**

In 2018, the NCTC was a strong supporter of the LA Metro TCEP submittal of the I-5 Golden State Chokepoint Relief/Capacity Enhancement Project in North Los Angeles County and greatly appreciated the CTC SB1 grant award.

Now, in 2020, on your **May 13 CTC Agenda Item #89**, staff asks for your approval to allocate the 2018 \$247 million SB1 TCEP grant towards construction. The I-5 Project, in the planning process for nearly 20 years, is now ready for construction!

The NCTC appreciates the economic impact the CTC allocation will have to create immediate construction jobs. Construction of this long-awaited project will improve safety for trucks and passenger vehicles, expedite mobility of people, goods, and services, while leveraging the state's investment with federal and local dollars.

The NCTC respectfully urges the **CTC to approve the \$247 million TCEP allocation** for improved safety and mobility for the I-5 in North Los Angeles County.

Sincerely,



Arthur V. Sohikian
Executive Director



SANTA CLARITA VALLEY
Chamber of Commerce

May 6, 2020

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Dear Chairman Konynenburg and Vice Chair Norton:

On behalf of the Santa Clarita Valley Chamber of Commerce, which represents over 65,000 member-employees, I am writing in support to urge the Commission to approve the allocation of \$247 million in SB-1 funds towards construction of improvements to Interstate 5 in North Los Angeles County. This is a timely investment for a much-needed transportation infrastructure.

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Nancy Starczyk
Chair of the Board of Directors



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May 8, 2020

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Ara Najarian
LACMTA Board Member
Vice Chair of the SCRRA



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Bret Banks, President