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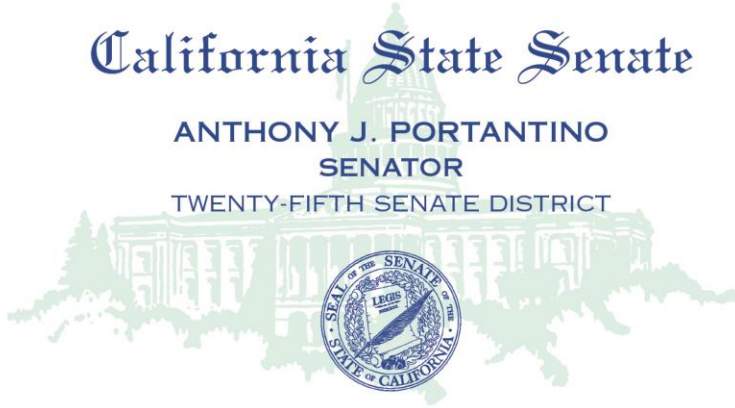
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Mr. Mitch Weiss
Executive Director
California Transportation Commission
1120 N Street, MS-52
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Request to extend the period of project allocation for the locally-administered LPP La Cañada Flintridge Sound Walls Project, per LPP Guidelines.

Dear Mr. Weiss:

I am writing to strongly urge the Commission to approve the City of La Cañada Flintridge's request to extend the period of project allocation for the locally-administered LPP Sound Walls Project on the State Highway System in Los Angeles County.

This extension on project allocations is necessary to construct the essential next phase of sound walls along the Interstate 210 (I-210) Freeway in the City of La Cañada Flintridge. This project is designed to build sound walls, which will significantly reduce noise pollution, improve air quality, and support public health within the City of La Cañada Flintridge in areas adjacent to the I-210 Freeway right-of-way.

The extension request is necessary due to factors beyond the control of the City that resulted in a delay to the beginning of the construction phase. Most pressing, on March 19, 2020 the Governor issued a shelter in place statewide order due to the COVID19 pandemic. This order resulted in a delay to the approval of the City-State Cooperative agreement, which impacted the timeline of the sound wall project's Environmental Document. The City has made the necessary adjustments to update the timeline in compliance to project guidelines. To meet this updated timeline, an extension on the project allocation is necessary.

Per CTC guidelines, the Commission has the right to approve an extension for an additional 12 months, which extends the deadline to December 31, 2021. Given the dire circumstances, I write this letter to strongly urge the Commission to approve this extension request. This a necessary step to preserve funding allocation towards a project that will meet a high priority need and improve the quality of life for generations to come.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anthony J. Portantino". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Anthony J. Portantino
State Senator, 25th District