



November 20, 2020

Ms. Hilary Norton
Chairperson
California Transportation Commission
1120 N Street, MS-52
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Chairperson Norton,

On behalf of the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority, I would like to express our appreciation and support for the California Transportation Commission's staff recommendation (CTC) of Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) funding for the projects we submitted in the Local Partnership Program (LPP) Solutions for Congested Corridors (SCC), and Trade Corridors Enhancement Program (TCEP).

CTC's recommendation of our US 101/De La Cruz/Trimble Interchange Improvements in the LPP, will provide significant coordination and delivery of active transportation infrastructure, enhanced safety elements and support local economic activity. CTC's recommendation of our US 101/SR 25 Interchange Improvements under the TCEP will provide significant freight infrastructure, enhanced safety elements and active transportation infrastructure as well as contribute to economic development activity and goods movement in the Bay Area and Central Coast.

Although our two other submittals - Caltrain grade separation project in the City of Mountain View (LPP) and the Santa Clara County US 101 Express Lanes project (SCC) were not recommended at this time, we will continue to advance both projects through final design. Should SB 1 funding become available sooner, we ask for your highest consideration of these two deserving projects. As a transportation authority, we know firsthand how difficult it is to select a limited number of projects from a large pool of project nominations, so we appreciate your consideration.

Thanks again for selecting our projects in this round and, we strongly urge the Commission to approve CTC staff's recommendations in all three SB 1 program areas at your December 2020 meeting.

Sincerely,

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Nuria I. Fernandez
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cc: Mitch Weiss, CTC, Executive Director
Therese McMillan, MTC, Executive Director



November 24, 2020

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The SR 57/60 project is a regional priority project with strong support at the state level from Senators Leyva, Chang, Portantino and Rubio, Senator-elect Newman, and Assemblymembers Chau, Chen and Holden. The CTC allocated 2018 TCEP funds for the engineering and right-of-way phases, and programming 2020 TCEP funds will allow this important project to start major construction in 2022, two years earlier than scheduled.

We look forward to the Commission's support for the SR 57/60 project which will deliver significant safety, congestion relief and air quality benefits to Southern Californians who have for years endured among the worst traffic congestion in the nation. Questions regarding this letter may be directed to SGVCOG Government and Community Relations Director Paul Hubler at phubler@sgvcog.org.

Sincerely,

Marisa Creter
Executive Director

cc: California Transportation Commissioners
CTC Executive Director Mitchell Weiss (Mitchell.Weiss@catc.ca.gov)



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June 25, 2020

Mitch Weiss
Executive Director
California Transportation Commission
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Subject: Trade Corridor Enhancement Program - Capitol Region Improvement Project

Dear Director Weiss:

On behalf of Tesla, I am writing to express our strong support for the Capitol Region Improvement Project (Project) grant application and respectfully request that the California Transportation Commission include the Project in the SB1 Trade Corridor Enhancement Program.

The Sacramento Region is the crossroads of two strategic interregional corridors, I-5 and I-80, and is a key link in interstate connections to the northern California ports. Over 400 million tons of freight worth over \$1 trillion moves annually to, from, and within the Northern California Megaregion. Growing congestion at two freight bottlenecks on these corridors threatens the long-term viability of these interregional connections, and the economic and public health of the state and its citizens, especially for disadvantaged communities. As congestion increases, so too do fuel consumption and vehicle emissions.

I-80 and I-5 are critical corridors connecting our Fremont, Lathrop and Giga factories, the latter supplying battery packs and drivetrains for vehicle assembly in Fremont. As the state's only auto manufacturer, we have successfully scaled production of battery-electric vehicles (BEVs). Last quarter, the Model 3 was the state's top selling passenger car in all categories and BEVs were the state's number one export by value last year.

By adding merge lanes and installing ITS infrastructure on I-5 near the airport, adding a fifth lane on westbound I-80 in Roseville, and other measures the Project will reduce congestion and improve freight throughput and the efficiency of our vehicle and energy logistics operations. As a result, the Project will enhance our ability to scale production cost-effectively and more broadly, given the statewide importance of these corridors, improve the state's ability to retain and attract manufacturers to the state.

For these reasons, we ask you to give full consideration of the Project's grant application and look forward to construction of these key transportation improvements.

Please contact me at dchia@tesla.com or 510-299-0210 for any questions.

Sincerely,

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EAST OTAY MESA PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

November 23, 2020

Ms. Hilary Norton, Chairman
California Transportation Commission (CTC)
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RE: Support Trade Corridor Enhancement Program Funding for Otay Mesa Port of Entry and La Media Road

Dear Chairman Norton and CTC Commissioners:

On behalf of the East Otay Mesa Property Owners Association, we wish to express our strong support for the \$42,520 million FY 2020 Trade Corridor Enhancement funds to improve the Otay Mesa East Construction Port of Entry and the \$22.7 million FY 2021 grant from the same fund toward widening and improvements to La Media Road in San Diego County recommended by CTC and Caltrans staff which will be discussed at your December 2-3, 2020 meeting.

We appreciate that CTC staff has recognized the critical importance of these two projects for our U.S.-Mexico Border region. Both of these projects meet the criteria and mission in the Trade Corridor Enhancement Program by improving the flow of commerce between California and Mexico, spurring local economic development, and reducing air polluting truck emissions.

Approval of the Otay Mesa East Construction Port of Entry will speed up international goods movement thereby reducing air pollution caused by the current poor infrastructure which is causing trucks to idle for long hours while waiting to cross the border. Similarly, the La Media Road improvements planned by the City of San Diego will facilitate export of California products to Mexico carried by more than 3,500 trucks per day which are currently forced to travel a woefully inadequate two-lane road which regularly floods at a key intersection.

On behalf of the property owners in the San Diego County unincorporated area of Otay Mesa, we strongly support approval of these essential border infrastructure projects as proposed by Staff and appreciate your favorable consideration and your continuing support of our international Trade Corridor. Please contact our Consultant, former State Senator Denise Ducheny, if you have any questions regarding this important Otay Mesa infrastructure funding at 619.922.4040 or DMDucheny@gmail.com.

Sincerely,



David Wick, Chairman
East Otay Mesa Property Owners Association

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RE: Support for Watsonville-Santa Cruz Multimodal Corridor Program SB1 Local Partnership Program and Solutions to Congested Corridors Program (CTC Agenda Items 24 & 25)

Dear Chair Norton and Commissioners:

I am writing to reiterate my support for the Watsonville-Santa Cruz Multimodal Corridor Program, which is recommended for Senate Bill 1 Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (SCCP) and Local Partnership Program (LPP) funds at your December 2, 2020 meeting.

As a former County Supervisor, RTC Commissioner, and Transit District board member, I can attest that the RTC, Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO), and the County Public Works Department have worked extensively with the community for over twenty years to prioritize projects and identify funding to address significant transportation challenges in this heavily traveled corridor.

In 2013, in recognition that buses are stuck in extreme traffic congestion, I authored Assembly Bill 946, providing authorization for buses to operate on the freeway shoulders in Santa Cruz County. Subsequently, in 2016, Santa Cruz County voters approved Measure D – a half-cent sales tax for multimodal transportation improvements – that prioritized auxiliary lanes on Highway 1, regionally-significant bicycle and pedestrian improvements, transit service, and multimodal improvements to local roads. I am pleased that Senate Bill 1 can provide the funds needed to finance the construction of these projects.

I appreciate the California Transportation Commission's full consideration of the Watsonville-Santa Cruz Multimodal Corridor Program. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (831) 425-1503.

Sincerely,

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Mark Stone
Assemblymember
29th District

OTAY MESA PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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Subject: 2020 Trade Corridor Enhancement Program Staff Recommendations

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Dear Madam Chair,

David Hudson

Chris Kelley

The Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) would like to extend our gratitude and appreciation to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) staff for recommending Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP) funding for the Interstate 680 (I-680)/State Route 4 (SR 4) Interchange project. The multi-phased infrastructure project will complete various safety, capacity, and operational improvements at the I-680/SR 4 Interchange to provide significant congestion relief for one of the top ten most congested corridors in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Karen Mitchoff

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Randell H. Iwasaki,
Executive Director

The I-680 and SR 4 Highway Corridors are key connectors to vital Bay Area Global Gateways and freight transportation systems including major maritime facilities at the Port of Oakland, as well as the Ports of Richmond, Benicia, San Francisco, and Redwood City, and the San Francisco Bay Area's international airports which handle international as well as domestic air cargo.

The current interchange does not have the capacity to accommodate existing or future traffic demand, resulting in substantial congestion and travel delays. The congestion combined with short merge/diverge sections contributes to the high frequency of collisions that occurs at the interchange. The proposed improvements will provide increased safety, economic competitiveness, environmental sustainability, and quality of life.

The recommended TCEP grant funding will allow the advancement of the final design of the next phases (Phase 1 and 2A) of this regionally important project. With an estimated project benefit cost ratio of 5 to 1, we urge the CTC to approve the TCEP staff recommendations.

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Sincerely,

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