



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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November 13, 2020

Mr. Mitch Weiss, Executive Director
California Transportation Commission
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Re: Local Partnership Program Competitive - Grant Request For White Rock Road Safety & Congestion Relief Project

Dear Director Weiss:

I am writing in support of the City of Rancho Cordova's 2020 SB1 – Local Partnership Program (LPP) Competitive grant application for the widening of the deficient and failing White Rock Road from future Rancho Cordova Parkway to the city limits in Rancho Cordova. This project lies within the area I represent in Senate District 4 as a California State Senator, and I recognize the regional significance to provide parallel capacity and congestion relief to U.S. Highway 50.

This project is part of a concerted, regional effort to develop and implement a coordinated transportation improvement plan for the Sacramento/El Dorado County area that improves the overall mobility of our constituents, creates job opportunities, and spurs economic development in the region. The project accomplishes these goals by strengthening the connection between rural communities to the east and 70,000 jobs in the City of Rancho Cordova, Mather Airport, and Sacramento County, to the west.

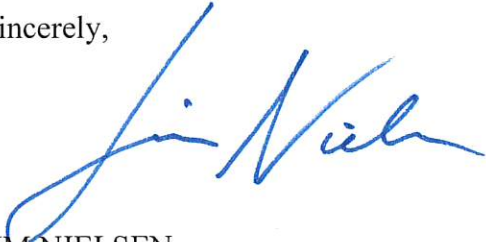
In addition to regional benefits noted above, the proposed improvements and widening of White Rock Road from two to four lanes will improve the overall safety for all modes of travel by providing improved sight lines, added shoulders, curve re-alignment, innovative intelligent transportation elements and improved signage. This will serve as an alternate route for first responders, emergency management and national security connecting multiple communities within Sacramento and El Dorado counties.

Funding the White Rock Road Safety & Congestion Relief Project will allow the City of Rancho Cordova to complete the improvements on this integral transportation corridor. The City of Rancho Cordova will improve a major portion of White Rock Road this year with multiple funding sources and completing this last stretch with the LPP grant will close the gap to the city limits. The City of Rancho Cordova has demonstrated its commitment to this important project

and has been consistently moving forward to improve this roadway of regional significance. Please give the City of Rancho Cordova every consideration for this critical connection.

I appreciate your consideration of this request, and for your continued support of residents and businesses in the City of Rancho Cordova and the State of California. If you need further information, please contact my Deputy Chief of Staff, Rob Olmstead, at (916) 772-0571.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jim Nielsen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "N".

JIM NIELSEN
Senator, Fourth District

cc: Albert Stricker, P.E., Public Works Director, City of Rancho Cordova