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March 3, 2022

Mr. Mitch Weiss
Executive Director
California Transportation Commission
1120 N Street, Room 2221
Sacramento, CA 95814

Via email to ctc@catc.ca.gov

RE: Interregional Transportation Improvement Program – King City Rail Platform (Project #9890) and Rail Funding – Support

Dear Mr. Weiss:

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The King City Platform & Multimodal Station, Phase One project will provide new rail access to travelers on the Central Coast, including to the US Army Fort Hunter Liggett. The project will promote economic development around the rail station and increase connectivity and access to jobs and services for low-income, minority communities. This project provides an alternative to vehicular travel, thereby reducing vehicle miles traveled and greenhouse gas emissions while improving air quality.

Our Agency appreciates the Commission's consideration of ITIP funding for the King City Rail Platform project as a critical improvement to facilitate the improvement of rail service in our region, and a means to support the State climate action goals. If you have any questions, please contact Christina Watson of my staff at (831) 775-4406 or via email at christina@tamcmonterey.org.

Sincerely,

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Todd Muck
Executive Director



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Dear Mr. Weiss:

On behalf of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC), I am writing to support the inclusion of the King City Platform & Multimodal Station, Phase One and the Coast Subdivision Positive Train Control (PTC) Implementation projects in the Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP). The proposed ITIP funds will support the construction of a train platform in downtown King City to enable a stop on the Coast Starlight in the near term and for future additional passenger rail service along the coast in the long term, and the PTC project will enable an increase in passenger service along the coast.

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The Coast Subdivision Positive Train Control (PTC) project will modernize the track and signal system for faster, safer, and more reliable passenger and freight rail operations. PTC will increase speed throughout the Coast Subdivision and reduce delays for the Capitol Corridor, Coast Starlight, freight trains, and any future passenger service on the Central Coast. PTC will significantly reduce the risk of loss of life, damages to property, and increase the reliability of the rail system.

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Sincerely,

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If you have any questions, please contact my staff member, Anna Devers, at (805) 781-4219 or adevers@slocog.org.

Sincerely,

Peter Rodgers
Executive Director
San Luis Obispo Council of Governments



November 4, 2021

Hilary Norton, Chair
California Transportation Commission
1120 N. Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: King City Platform and Multimodal Station – Phase One Project

Dear Ms. Norton,

I am a firm believer that where transit goes, communities grow. On behalf of the City of King I am writing to express support for the King City application for the 2022 Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP).

On July 11, 2006, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 06-4164 requesting the re-establishment of passenger service and since has collaborated with many stakeholders and partners preparing needed studies and plans to achieve our goal.

The King City Platform and Multimodal Station-Phase One project meets several Local, State, and Federal priorities. This grant will provide an alternative mode of transportation, enhance the city's active transportation efforts, help reduce vehicle miles travelled (VMT), reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions improving our air quality, encourage Transit Oriented Developments (TOD) for much needed housing, promote economic development opportunities including access to jobs and services for our underserved rural community and region.

This project is part of the State's rail plan, has great support locally and with regional agencies such as the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC), Monterey Bay Air Resource District (MBARD), Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST), Monterey County Board of Supervisors, Fort Hunter Liggett, Coast Rail Coordinating Council (CRCC), and is a collaborative effort working as a team to increase access along the central coast corridor

I, along with King City staff, will be available to answer questions you may have during the November 8th hearing. We look forward to a favorable vote.

Sincerely,

Michael LeBarre
Mayor



November 4, 2021

Hilary Norton, Chair
California Transportation Commission
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Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: King City Platform and Multimodal Station-Phase One project

Dear Ms. Norton,

I am writing in support of the King City's application for the 2022 Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP). Phase One of the King City Platform and Multimodal Station project adds a passenger rail station along the Coast Subdivision between Salinas and Paso Robles on the current Amtrak Coast Starlight route.

Phase One constructs a passenger platform in King City. Subsequent phases will include construction of a grade crossing, road rerouting, and ultimately a larger, multimodal rail station facility. This project will allow for the Coast Starlight to make a local stop at King City and provide additional access to travelers on the Central Coast.

The King City Platform and Multimodal Station-Phase One project will promote economic development around the rail station, increasing connectivity and access to jobs and services for low-income, minority communities. It supports alternatives to vehicular travel, thereby reducing vehicle miles travelled (VMT) and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and improving air quality. This project accomplishes the goals of the 2021 ITSP for this corridor by increasing intercity passenger rail service, increasing connectivity and accessibility to multi-modal options, and balancing local community and interregional travel needs.

Additionally, the goals of the King City Platform and Multimodal Station-Phase One project is consistent with AMBAG's 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (MTP/SCS) and will help implement goals of the 2040 MTP/SCS.

Sincerely,

Maura F. Twomey
Executive Director

cc:

Mitch Weiss, Executive Director, California Transportation Commission
Teresa Favila, Deputy Director, California Transportation Commission
Mike LeBarre, Mayor, City of King



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Hilary Norton, Chair
California Transportation Commission
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SUBJECT: King City Platform and Multimodal Station-Phase One Project

Dear Ms. Norton,

I am writing to express support from the Monterey-Salinas Transit District (MST) for King City's application for the 2022 Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP). Phase One of the King City Platform and Multimodal Station project adds a passenger rail station along the Coast Subdivision between Salinas and Paso Robles on the current Amtrak Coast Starlight route and constructs a passenger platform in King City. Subsequent phases will include construction of a grade crossing, road rerouting, and ultimately a larger, multimodal rail station facility. This project will allow for the Coast Starlight to make a local stop at King City and provide additional access to travelers on the Central Coast.

The King City Platform and Multimodal Station-Phase One project will promote economic development around the rail station, increasing connectivity and access to jobs and services for low-income, minority communities. It supports alternatives to vehicular travel, thereby reducing vehicle miles travelled (VMT) and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and improving air quality. This project accomplishes the goals of the 2021 ITSP for this corridor by increasing intercity passenger rail service, increasing connectivity and accessibility to public transit, and balancing local community and interregional travel needs.

Additionally, the goals of the King City Platform and Multimodal Station-Phase One project is consistent with goals contained with the MST Board of Directors 2022 – 25 Strategic Plan.

Sincerely,

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Carl G. Sedoryk
General Manager/CEO, Monterey-Salinas Transit

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Mike LeBarre, Mayor, City of King



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The King City Platform & Multimodal Station, Phase One project will provide new rail access to travelers on the Central Coast, including to the US Army Fort Hunter Liggett which serves approximately 50,000 visitors and soldiers annually. The project will promote economic development around the rail station and increase connectivity and access to jobs and services for low-income, minority communities— King City is a Census-defined disadvantaged community, largely comprised of Latino/Hispanic populations (87.5%), which has a citywide poverty rate of close to 20%, which is above state and federal poverty rates. This project provides an alternative to vehicular travel, thereby reducing vehicle miles traveled and greenhouse gas emissions while improving air quality.

SLCOOG appreciates the Commission's consideration of ITIP funding for the King City Rail Platform project as a critical improvement to facilitate the improvement of rail service along the Coast Route, and a means to support California's climate action and equity goals. If you have any questions, please contact Anna Devers on my staff at adevers@slocog.org or (805) 781-4219.

Sincerely,

Dave Potter
Coast Rail Coordinating Council Chair
Mayor, City of Carmel



March 14, 2022

Hilary Norton, Chair
California Transportation Commission
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RE: King City Platform and Multimodal Transportation Center – Phase One Project

Dear Chair Norton and Commissioners:

On behalf of the City of King, I want to express our appreciation that the City of King application for \$7.5 million in the 2022 Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP) is included in the posted resolution stating funding will be reserved.

This project is strongly supported by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) and Amtrak and a large portion of the preconstruction work has been completed. The ITIP funding is a crucial component to facilitate the improvement of rail service in our region and support the State climate action goals.

This project, King City (# 9890), and other rail projects, including CCJPA (#9886), LOSSAN (#9887), and SMART (#9889), are a crucial part of a strategic implementation plan to increase access, support the goals of the California State Rail Plan, and help the State achieve its ambitious greenhouse gas emission reduction goals. The staff recommendation to program and reserve funding for these projects will maximize our collective efforts. We appreciate and strongly support approval of staff's recommendations and accompanying resolution.

King City's application is supported by local and regional agencies, such as the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC), Monterey Bay Air Resources District (MBARD), Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST), Monterey County Board of Supervisors, Fort Hunter Liggett, and the Coast Rail Coordinating Council (CRCC). The goals of the King City Platform and Multimodal Transportation Center (MMTC) - Phase One project is supported by and is consistent with the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (MTP/SCS). In addition, Principal Host Railroad Development received a letter on February 25th from Union Pacific expressing their support for an additional station at King City, an important step in moving the project forward. The project is a collaborative team effort with these and other agencies to increase access along the central coast corridor.

This project also meets several Local, State, and Federal priorities and the proposed ITIP funds will support the construction of a train platform in downtown King City to enable a stop on the Coast Starlight in the near term. This grant will provide an alternative mode of transportation, enhance the City's active transportation efforts, help reduce vehicle miles travelled (VMT), reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions improving our air quality, encourage Transit Oriented Developments (TOD) for much needed housing, promote economic development around the rail station, and increase connectivity and access to jobs and services for low-income, minority communities benefitting our underserved rural community and region.

We greatly appreciate the close partnership the City has with the State and their help in developing our project. The King City Platform and MMTC will play an essential role in providing mobility for our community and for the 50,000 military personnel who train at Fort Hunter Liggett every year. Your support is a critical piece of this effort. The City will continue as a partner and promptly address any remaining questions or requirements.

I, along with City of King staff, will be available to answer questions you may have during the March 2022 hearing. We thank you for your consideration and look forward to a favorable vote.

Sincerely,



Mike LeBarre
Mayor