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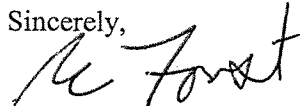
RE: Request for \$9.399 million in 2016 STIP funds for US 101 HOV/Express Lanes Project

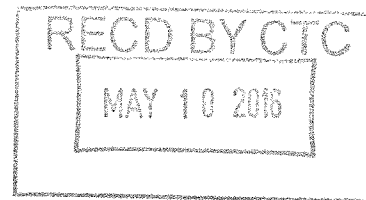
Dear Chair Alvarado:

The San Mateo County Economic Development Association (SAMCEDA) represents a contingent of leading Bay Area businesses, institutions, organizations and entrepreneurs. We are recognized for our experienced, impact-driven approach as a business advocacy organization. SAMCEDA strongly urges the California Transportation Commission (CTC), at its upcoming May meeting, to program \$9.399 million in STIP funding for the next phase of the "US 101 HOV/Express Lanes" project. The "US 101 HOV/Express Lanes" project is the highest priority project in San Mateo County in that it has the significant countywide and regional impacts. This segment of the US 101 corridor connects the Silicon Valley and San Francisco, with SFO and the East Bay (via connecting bridges). This corridor serves as the backbone for the most economically productive area in the State. In recent years, this corridor has experienced a drastic increase in congestion due to an influx of jobs to the area. If congestion on the corridor is not addressed in a timely manner, it will result in further negative impacts to the residents and employers along the corridor, as well as increase the potential for adverse regional and statewide economic impacts.

In response to the CTC's direction to reduce \$754 in programming statewide, San Mateo County worked with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) in proposing a \$71 million project postponement package from the Bay Area. MTC's recommended \$71 million package includes \$18 million in projects from San Mateo County, which is much larger than San Mateo County's fair share of the total statewide reduction. Thus far, a total of \$14 million has been spent and/or committed to the early phases of this project so it is important that work proceed as planned.

This project has laid the groundwork and shows the potential for a true public-private partnership. A number of companies, such as ours, have expressed an interest in the project in exchange for near-term improvements in the corridor resulting in shorter travel times for our workforce. Therefore, SAMCEDA strongly urges you to program \$9.399 million in the 2016 STIP for additional planning for this project. If you have any questions, please contact Rosanne Foust at 650-413-5600.

Sincerely,  
  
Rosanne Foust  
President & CEO



May 3, 2016

Bob Alvarado, Chair  
California Transportation Commission  
1120 N Street, MS-52  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: STIP Funding Regarding City of American Canyon's Devlin Road Project and Programming Change for Eucalyptus Drive Extension

Dear Chair Alvarado,

At the January 21 Meeting, the CTC approved a revised Fund Estimate for the 2016 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) that has called for the deletion of approximately \$750 million in funds for critical transportation improvements throughout California. This proposal would result in a disproportionately cut to Napa County's funding of over 60% or \$4.8 million of its 2016 STIP - well over the revised CTC reduction target for Napa County of \$2.4 million. Because of regional policy decisions, Napa County receives very little federal highway funding – Napa is a small county with few transportation funding resources in general. Consequently, the STIP is integral to the improvement of Napa County's aging transportation infrastructure, which is heavily used by residents, workers and the millions of annual visitors from around the state.

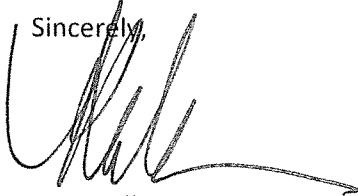
In August 2015, the City of American Canyon requested to consolidate funding from the Devlin Road-Vine Trail Extension project (NAP130006) to Eucalyptus Drive Extension (NAP110029) in the 2016 STIP. The City of American Canyon made this request not because the Devlin Road project was a lesser priority but because the City needed to accelerate that project and had other funds that allowed the project to be delivered well before the STIP funding would have been available in FY 17/18. The proposed STIP amendment would have reprogrammed these funds to the Eucalyptus Drive Extension which was already partially funded in the STIP. The Eucalyptus Drive Extension is a critical highway project that would consolidate two intersections on Highway 29 – a severely congested portion of the only north/south-bound highway in Napa County. Moreover, this project is a priority because it will set in motion a series of improvements that would significantly reduce congestion and make multi-modal improvements greatly improving the community. This project would further utilize a significant award arising out of a lawsuit between Caltrans and the City to reduce congestion along the corridor.

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission approved this fund consolidation request in December 2015 and forwarded it on to the CTC for approval at their January 2016 meeting. This request is still pending since the CTC did not take action due to the looming funding shortfall. Unfortunately, American Canyon's request to consolidate the \$1.665 million onto the Eucalyptus Drive Extension from Devlin Road is being viewed by CTC staff "as new programming" and the staff is consequently recommending that the amendment not be considered and that the funding pushed back until FY 20/21. The City of America Canyon is effectively being penalized because of timing – not because their project fits into one the categories deemed lower state priorities. Had we anticipated that a STIP amendment would have been caught up in this funding crisis, we would have postponed it until a future date.

We empathize with the CTC and its staff on the challenges that the STIP funding crisis has created and the difficult decisions that will need to be made but we urge you to reconsider the CTC staff proposal and approve the requested amendment to include the Devlin Road funding on the Eucalyptus Drive Extension.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request. Please contact me or Danielle Schmitz ([dschmitz@nvta.ca.gov](mailto:dschmitz@nvta.ca.gov) or 707-259-5968), NVTA Planning and Programming Manager, should you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

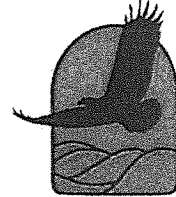
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kate Miller', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kate Miller  
Executive Director

Cc: Susan Branson, CTC Executive Director  
Mayor Leon Garcia, City of American Canyon  
Napa Valley Transportation Authority Board Members  
Dana Shigley, City of American Canyon Manager  
Alix Bockelman, Metropolitan Transportation Commission  
Assembly Member Bill Dodd  
Assembly Member Jim Frazier

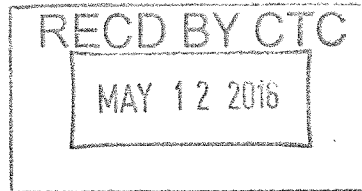
# CITY OF WATSONVILLE

"Opportunity through diversity; unity through cooperation"



May 6, 2016

Ms. Susan Bransen, Executive Director  
California Transportation Commission  
1120 N Street, MS-52  
Sacramento, CA 95814



RE: 2016 STIP CTC Staff Recommendations

Dear Ms. Bransen,

The Watsonville City Council formally requests that the California Transportation Commission reconsider and amend its recommendation to delay or revoke State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funding for three City projects. These projects and current CTC recommendations include the following:

**Airport Blvd Improvements (PPNO 2555)**

– Delay \$1,195,000 in construction funds from FY16/17 to FY17/18

**Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail Segment 18 (PPNO 2552)**

– Delay \$950,000 in construction from FY16/17 to FY17/18

**Route 1 Harkins Slough Road Improvements (PPNO 413)**

– Delete \$6,878,000 in construction funds from the 2016 STIP.

Of particular concern to the City is the deletion of all construction funding for the Route 1 Harkins Slough Road Improvements (PPNO 413). This project has involved significant collaboration between Caltrans District 5, the City and the community and would provide long awaited safety and operational benefits to many users nearby including a high school, a commercial area and a highway interchange. *If construction funding cannot be restored to the 2016 STIP, the City requests that the project be included in and given priority in the 2018 STIP.*

Watsonville is classified by the State as an Economically Disadvantaged Community, and has a per capital income of less than half of the State average. As such, Watsonville relies even more heavily than most communities upon STIP funds to construct major projects such as these. Delaying project funding has significant consequences to poor communities, as other funding sources are extremely limited. We hope you will take this into consideration in making your funding decisions.

Further, delaying projects is disruptive the City's capital improvement program as it requires shifting projects, reallocating funds and other resources and places them at risk. These projects address very real and immediate needs of our community and as they get pushed out, the public faith in the process becomes compromised.

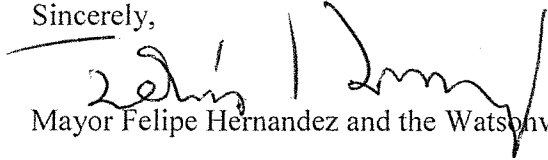
Thank you for your consideration to not delay or delete these important community projects.

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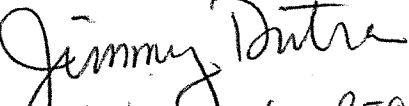
Sincerely,

  
Mayor Felipe Hernandez and the Watsonville City Council

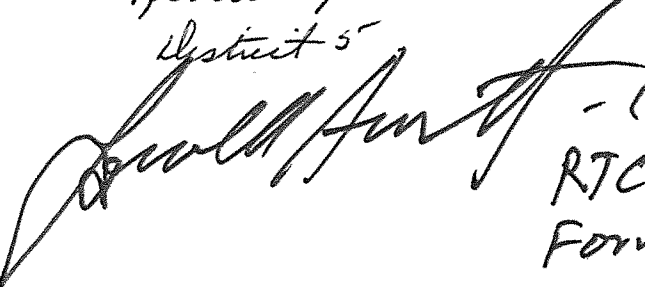
  
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