



January 16, 2024

Ms. Lee Ann Eager, Chair
California Transportation Commission
1120 N Street, MS 52
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: I-15 Express Lanes & Freight Improvement Project in San Bernardino County

Dear Chair Eager:

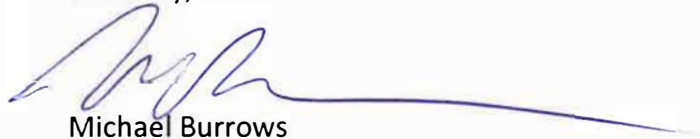
On behalf of the San Bernardino International Airport, we are very concerned about the actions taken related to Item #99 at the December 7th California Transportation Commission (CTC) meeting. Whether it be land, sea, or air, Inland Southern California needs continuous connections to all modes of transportation, including those which are emerging. This is why we collaborate and coordinate with organizations such as the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) and others. The actions taken by the CTC cause us all to question this unexpected detour, which then moves us to pause as to our confidence in supporting future transportation solutions and proven project delivery with partner agencies like SBCTA. SBCTA is an agency that followed the CTC path and processes time and time again, albeit while innovating new solutions across sectors along the way.

I am fortunate to remember when our CTC understood the symbiotic nature of land, sea, and air connectivity for the future of our State. As an airport that has moved from military base reuse to full commercial service operations, most certainly with the help and support of many including top-level agencies and officials: U.S. Department of Defense, Federal Aviation Administration, the State of California, the CTC, and SBCTA. Having seen critical path timelines, we are deeply concerned that a project of this level of regional significance could be jeopardized at such a critical stage. Airports, like all modes and nodes of transportation, rely on connectivity and collaboration with our transportation agency partners. CTC should provide the same to local agencies that continue to deliver proven results, as SBCTA has and continues to do for the benefit of the systems that link us all.

For a transportation authority like SBCTA, who collaborates across Federal, State, and County lines, and yes with multiple airports in their region, we respectfully request a review of the administrative process that subjects the award recipients to the risk to which this project has been subjected. That process seems inefficient, slows the movement of funds and project delivery, and allows for the type of uncertainty created by the vote on the I-15 project. People travel on lanes to get to planes and back home again. They need more options on lanes to get to where they need to go and to do so safely, sustainably, and efficiently.

Please pursue the Commission's careful consideration and swift approval of fund allocation for this critical system enhancement project which will serve local, regional, and interstate needs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Michael Burrows', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michael Burrows
Chief Executive Officer
San Bernardino International Airport

cc: Mayor Frank Navarro, President San Bernardino International Airport Authority
Dr. Raymond Wolfe, Executive Director SBCTA