

# MEGAREGION WORKING GROUP



March 12, 2024

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1120 North Street, MS 52  
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RE: Support for I-80 / US-50 Tolled Managed Lanes Project Advance Allocation through CTC's 2024 Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP)

Ms. Taylor,

The Megaregion Working Group strongly supports the 2024 TCEP advance programming request for the I-80 / US-50 Tolled Managed Lanes Project submitted by Caltrans, Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG), the Yolo County Transportation District (YoloTD), and the Capital Area Regional Tolling Authority (CARTA). The project partners are requesting \$105M through Senate Bill 1's Cycle 4 TCEP.

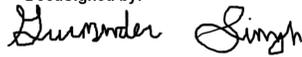
The I-80 / US-50 Tolled Managed Lanes Project (or, Project) is one of twelve shared transportation investment priorities – collectively known as the Megaregion Dozen – identified by the Megaregion Working Group to improve regional travel. This Working Group is a partnership of twelve Northern California elected officials, including four representatives each from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission in the Bay Area, the Sacramento Area Council of Governments, and the San Joaquin Council of Governments. The Megaregion, which includes 16 counties and 136 cities, has a total population of nearly 11 million people and stretches from the Bay Area and Central Valley to the Sierra Nevada Foothills. The Working Group's mission is to tackle shared transportation challenges and better connect the people and economies of the Megaregion.

I-80 is a critical link for regional and interregional traffic between the San Francisco Bay Area and the Sacramento Metropolitan region. The Project proposes to improve mobility and travel reliability by adding 34 miles of high occupancy toll lanes in Yolo County and Sacramento County. The Project will be constructed in phases, with Phase 1 including 17 miles between Richards Boulevard and I-80/US 50 split. This TCEP award is critical to successfully delivering the \$86 million in discretionary federal INFRA funds awarded to the project.

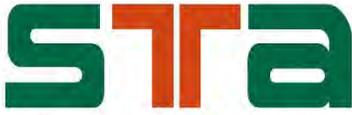
The Project will improve travel across the Megaregion for all travel modes- including the movement of goods by improving freight reliability and throughput. The Project expands multi-modal access by investing in additional VMT-mitigating strategies to improve public transit service and active transportation facilities across the Yolo Causeway, and increase Capitol Corridor passenger rail service between Sacramento and the Bay Area.

Thank you for your consideration of the I-80 / US-50 Tolloed Managed Lanes Project 2024 TCEP advance programming request.

Sincerely,

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Gary Singh  
Mayor of Manteca  
Chair, Megaregion Working Group



March 13, 2024

*Sent via Electronic Mail*

Ms. Tanisha Taylor  
Executive Director  
California Transportation Commission  
1120 N Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Support for Advance of 2024 Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP) Application for the Interstate 80 (I-80)/US Route 50 (US 50) Tolled Managed Lanes Project**

Dear Executive Director Taylor:

On behalf of the Solano Transportation Authority, I'm writing in support of the application for an advance from the 2024 Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP) for the Interstate 80 (I-80)/US Route 50 (US 50) Tolled Managed Lanes Project (Project) being proposed by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG), and the Yolo Transportation District (YoloTD).

The Yolo Transportation District (YoloTD) secured \$86 million dollars in competitive federal Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) grant funds for Caltrans to add an express (HOT3+) lane across the Yolo Causeway, which would have many benefits for this critical trade, travel, and tourism corridor. As you are aware, YoloTD must obligate the funds no later than September of 2024, or risk losing them.

The proposed improvements to this corridor are vital to the movement of goods and people between the Bay Area and the Sacramento region, as well as Northern California and the rest of the United States. In addition to improving freight throughput and reliability, the project and its proposed mitigation measures will provide significant multi-modal benefits. These benefits include expanded and more reliable public transit service between major job centers, including UC Davis and downtown Sacramento; increased Capitol Corridor intercity rail service connecting the Sacramento region and the Bay Area; and improved active transportation facilities across the Yolo Causeway.

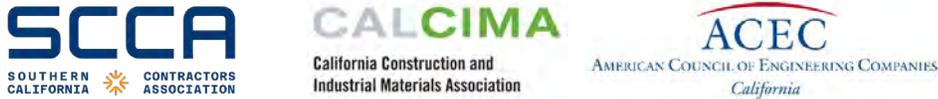
Given the benefits to interregional goods movement and multi-modal transportation, the Yolo 80 project is supported by the Northern California Megaregion Working Group. The Working Group was established by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, San Joaquin Council of Governments, and SACOG to tackle how people and goods move throughout the 16-county Northern California megaregion and coordinate to prioritize resources to make meaningful progress on transportation and land-use investments.

For these reasons, we urge the California Transportation Commission to approve the application for an advance of 2024 TCEP funds for the I-80/US 50 Tolled Managed Lanes Project.

Sincerely,

Ronald Kott  
STA Board Chair  
Mayor, City of Rio Vista

CC: STA Board



March 13, 2024

Mr. Carl Guardino  
Chair  
California Transportation Commission  
1120 N Street  
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**Re: Support for Advance of 2024 Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP) Application for the Interstate 80 (I-80)/US Route 50 (US 50) Tolloed Managed Lanes Project (Project)**

Dear Chair Guardino,

Transportation California and our undersigned member organizations representing the statewide transportation construction industry that designs, builds, repairs, and maintains the statewide multimodal transportation network write in support of the application for an advance from the 2024 Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP) for the Interstate 80 (I-80)/US Route 50 (US 50) Tolloed Managed Lanes Project (Project) being proposed by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG), and the Yolo County Transportation District (YoloTD).

Caltrans, SACOG, and YoloTD are proposing to construct improvements consisting of tolled managed lanes with direct I-80 connectors at the I-80/US 50 interchange, pedestrian and Class I bicycle facilities, Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) elements, auxiliary lanes, and a 300-space mobility hub with transit transfer station. The Project proposes to be constructed in a phased approach, with Phase 1 utilizing the \$105M advance TCEP funds to construct tolled managed lanes for a total of 17 lane miles. The Project will improve safety, throughput, reliability, and will advance the region and state’s climate, public health, and equity goals through pedestrian, bicycle, and transit improvements. Specific outcomes will include:

- **Throughput.** I-80 and US 50 are some of Sacramento Region’s busiest corridors connecting Bay Area to Sacramento, Tahoe and beyond, with bottlenecks within the City of Davis, Yolo Causeway, and City of West Sacramento limits. The project increases freight throughput by more than 800 trucks daily by

reducing bottlenecks, increasing freight reliability, shifting modes of travel from Single Occupancy Vehicles to transit/carpool/vanpool. Furthermore, project will reduce local (Cities of Davis, West Sacramento, and Woodland) cut-through traffic, and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in disadvantage communities due to congestion on I-80.

- **Time Reliability.** Freight speeds on I-80 and US 50 drop to below 15 MPH with extensive and unreliable travel times due to primary and secondary incidents as well as traffic demands that exceed capacity and design. Due to the unique nature of the corridor, congestion is seven days a week and inconsistent due to local commutes, regional recreational travel, and national freight movement. The Project will improve year 2049 travel reliability and times by up to 69 minutes and increase freight speeds by up to 9 MPH, and construct ITS elements for advance traveler information system, expedited primary and secondary incident response and management, and control traffic behavior.
- **Safety.** The bottlenecks and unreliable travel on I-80/US 50 have been the main contributor to 1,051 collisions in the past 3 years. Rear-ended collisions related to congestion were 51% of the total (536) and sideswipes from merging were 29% (300) of all collisions in the past 3 years. The project will construct FHWA proven safety countermeasures including Rumble Strips, MASH barriers, enhanced delineation and signage, auxiliary lanes, ramp meters, and CCTV.

For these reasons, we urge the CTC to approve the application for an advance of 2024 TCEP funds for the I-80/US 50 Tolled Managed Lanes Project. If you have questions about our position, please contact Mark Watts, Transportation California's Legislative Advocate ([mark@whstrat.com](mailto:mark@whstrat.com) or (916) 813-1107).

Sincerely,

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March 15, 2024

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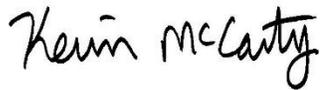
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Cecilia Aguiar Curry  
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