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Christine Inouye, Director of Capital Projects  
San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission  
949 E Channel St  
Stockton, CA 95202

**Re: Letter of Support for Stockton Diamond/Flyover Grade Separation Project (Project)**

Dear Ms. Inouye,

I am writing in support of San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission's (SJRRRC)'s request for time extension for the Project. The Project is essential to relieve railroad congestion and improve both passenger and freight rail operations throughout Northern California and provide a benefit to the nationwide rail network. The junction of the BNSF and UP tracks, referred to as the "Stockton Diamond," is the most heavily congested freight bottleneck in California, as well as one of the most congested rail junctions in the nation.

Union Pacific Railroad (UP) is committed to working with SJRRRC and the Project stakeholders to support the delivery of the Project and will continue to work with the SJRRRC and its funding partners, including the California Department of Transportation, the California State Transportation Agency, the California Transportation Commission, and the Federal Railroad Administration.

UP appreciates the SJRRRC's partnership efforts in working with all project stakeholders and UP stands ready to draft the Construction and Maintenance Agreement (C&M). UP will diligently work in good faith to negotiate the final terms and conditions for the Project C&M and to progress the C&M to full execution.

We support the time extension for the \$132 million Trade Corridor Enhancement Program award requested by SJRRRC, which is vital for the overall viability of the Project.

Sincerely,

Adrian Guerrero



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June 16, 2025

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Dear Ms. Inouye,

As stated in the TCEP Grant application, the Stockton Diamond/Flyover Project is an essential component to relieve passenger and freight railroad congestion and improving passenger operations throughout Northern California and the nationwide freight rail network. BNSF Railway is committed to executing and delivering its part of the Project in conjunction with the Union Pacific Railroad. BNSF Railway will continue to work with the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission and its funding partners, including the California Department of Transportation, the California State Transportation Agency, the California Transportation Commission, and the Federal Railroad Administration to ensure the project is delivered.

BNSF appreciates the Rail Commission's partnership in drafting a three-party construction and maintenance agreement between BNSF, UP and SJRRC. We are working diligently and in good faith to negotiate final terms and execute the agreement and anticipate the execution of the agreement this year.

We support the time extension for the \$132 million Trade Corridor Enhancement Program award requested by the Rail Commission, which is vital for the overall viability of the Project.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'F' followed by a horizontal line and a small 'III'.

French F. Thompson, III  
General Director  
Public Infrastructure and Investments.