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June 16, 2025

Darnell Grisby, Chair,
California Transportation Commission
1120 N Street, MS 22
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for CTC Staff Recommendation for Santa Barbara U.S. 101 Multimodal Corridor

Dear Chair Grisby & Members of the California Transportation Commission:

I respectfully request your full and fair consideration of the California Transportation Commission (CTC) staff recommendation to program \$134 million in Senate Bill 1 Cycle 4 funding to complete the Santa Barbara U.S. 101 Multimodal Corridor. The Santa Barbara U.S. 101 Multimodal Corridor is the number one regional priority for the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments in joint partnership with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans).

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Finally, I am very appreciative of the opportunities that SB1 provides in funding transformative transportation projects in our region. I especially value the work that CTC staff invested to allocate SB1 funds in a timely and productive manner.

For these reasons, I again request that the CTC consider staff recommendations to program \$134 million in Senate Bill 1 Cycle 4 funding to complete the Santa Barbara U.S. 101 Multimodal Corridor.

If you have any questions, please contact SBCAG Executive Director, Marjie Kirn, at (805) 600-4497 or by email at mkirn@sbacag.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gregg Hart", is positioned above the printed name.

Assemblymember Gregg Hart

cc: Mr. Toks Omishakin, Secretary, California State Transportation Agency
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RE: Support for CTC Staff Recommendation for Santa Barbara U.S. 101 Multimodal Corridor

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As the Congressional Representative in Santa Barbara, I strongly supports the California Transportation Commission (CTC) Staff recommendation to program \$134 million in Senate Bill 1 Cycle 4 funding to complete the Santa Barbara U.S. 101 Multimodal Corridor. The Santa Barbara U.S. 101 Multimodal Corridor is the number one regional priority for the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments and joint partnership with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans).

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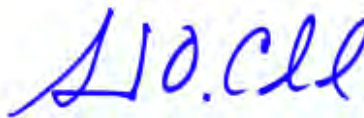
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I strongly support the CTC staff recommendations and urge the Commission to approve funding for the Santa Barbara U.S. 101 Multimodal Corridor at their June 26, 2025 meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact District Director Erica Reyes at erica.reyes@mail.house.gov or via phone at (805) 730-1710.

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Member of Congress

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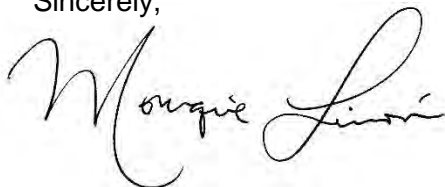
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If you have any questions, please contact SBCAG Executive Director, Marjie Kirn, at (805) 600-4497 or by email at mkirn@sbcag.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Monique Limón". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Monique" and the last name "Limón" clearly legible.

Monique Limón
21st Senate District



City of Santa Barbara

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June 10, 2025

Randy Rowse
Mayor

Darnell Grisby, Chair,
California Transportation Commission
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Dear Chair Grisby & Members of the California Transportation Commission:

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Please consider the environment before printing this letter.

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If you have any questions, please contact SBCAG Executive Director, Marjie Kim, at (805) 600-4497 or by email at mkim@sbacag.org.

Sincerely,



Mayor Randy Rowse
City of Santa Barbara

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Kelly Hubbard
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Monday, June 16, 2025

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1120 N Street MS 22
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for CTC Staff Recommendation for Santa Barbara U.S. 101 Multimodal Corridor

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Sincerely,



Kelly Hubbard, Director
Santa Barbara County Office of Emergency Management

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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

June 12, 2025

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Chair, Second District Supervisor
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ROB L. FREDERICKS
Executive Director/CEO



MONTECITO FIRE DEPARTMENT

An Independent Fire District

June 11, 2025

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David Neels
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Susan C. Salcido, Superintendent of Schools

June 11, 2025

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June 12, 2025

Darnell Grisby, Chair,
California Transportation Commission
1120 N Street MS 22
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RE: Support for CTC Staff Recommendation for Santa Barbara U.S. 101 Multimodal Corridor

Dear Chair Grisby & Members of the California Transportation Commission:

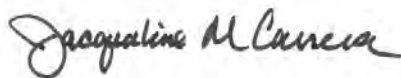
On behalf of the Santa Barbara Foundation (SBF), I am writing to support the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in their request for \$134 million in Senate Bill 1 Cycle 4 funding from the CTC to complete the Santa Barbara U.S. 101 Multimodal Corridor. As you know, the Santa Barbara U.S. 101 Multimodal Corridor is a transformative project that aligns with state climate and equity goals while addressing one of California's most congested freeway segments. This critical artery serves over 100,000 daily travelers between Santa Barbara and Ventura County and provides a vital substitute route connecting the Bay Area to Southern California when Interstate 5 is closed due to weather or disasters.

SBCAG and Caltrans have invested over \$800 million in multimodal transportation improvements to address rising traffic congestion. We support CTC staff recommendations and urge approval at the June 26, 2025 meeting of the final \$134 million for the Santa Barbara U.S. 101 Multimodal Corridor.

SBF has a strong collaborative relationship with and appreciation for SBCAG's commitment to projects that advance equity and community well-being. We also recently endorsed their 2023 EV charging infrastructure project and we're partnering on broadband initiatives that reduce vehicle trips.

We appreciate how Senate Bill 1 has enabled transformative transportation improvements across our region and commend the CTC staff for their diligent review. SBF strongly endorses the staff recommendation and urges the Commission to approve this critical final funding for the U.S. 101 Multimodal Corridor project on June 26, 2025.

Sincerely,



Jacqueline M. Carrera
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June 11, 2025

Darnell Grisby, Chair,
California Transportation Commission
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RE: Support for CTC Staff Recommendation for Santa Barbara U.S. 101 Multimodal Corridor

Dear Chair Grisby & Members of the California Transportation Commission:

Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District strongly supports the California Transportation Commission (CTC) Staff recommendation to program \$134 million in Senate Bill 1 Cycle 4 funding to complete the Santa Barbara U.S. 101 Multimodal Corridor. The Santa Barbara U.S. 101 Multimodal Corridor is the number one regional priority for the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments and joint partnership with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans).

The Santa Barbara U.S. 101 Multimodal Corridor is a transformative interregional project that is alignment with state climate and equity goals and will provide needed congestion relief to the more than 100,000 Californians who travel the corridor between Santa Barbara and Ventura County. The Corridor is Caltrans District 5's most congested corridor and one of the most congested freeway segments in California. Additionally, it is the only corridor on the Central Coast that connects the Bay Area to Southern California. This is especially significant when Interstate 5 is closed due to inclement weather or disasters and U.S. 101 on the Central Coast becomes the only North-South connector for all of California.

SBCAG and Caltrans have developed a multimodal suite of transportation improvements to address growing congestion in the U.S. 101 corridor with innovative solutions developed through a community consensus process and ratified by County voters with 79% support for Measure A, Santa Barbara County's regional transportation sales tax measure.

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Finally, we are very appreciative of the opportunities that SB1 provides in funding transformative transportation projects in our region. We especially value the work that CTC staff invested to allocate SB1 funds in a timely and productive manner.

We strongly support the CTC staff recommendations and urge the Commission to approve funding for the Santa Barbara U.S. 101 Multimodal Corridor at their June 26, 2025 meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact SBCAG Executive Director, Marjie Kirn, at (805) 600-4497 or by email at mkirn@sbcag.org.

Sincerely,



Jerry Estrada
General Manager
Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District

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June 16, 2025

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RE: Support for CTC Staff Recommendation for Santa Barbara U.S. 101 Multimodal Corridor

Dear Chair Grisby & Members of the California Transportation Commission:

The Santa Barbara South Coast Chamber of Commerce strongly supports the California Transportation Commission (CTC) staff recommendation to program \$134 million in Senate Bill 1 Cycle 4 funding to complete the Santa Barbara U.S. 101 Multimodal Corridor. The Santa Barbara U.S. 101 Multimodal Corridor is the number one regional priority for the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments and joint partnership with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans).

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As a business representing organization, the Santa Barbara South Coast Chamber of Commerce's highest priority is the local economy. With a significant portion of our local workforce commuting to work, our member employers have consistently expressed a desire to explore and support more transportation solutions. We are grateful for this project and partnership, as it is not just a transportation infrastructure project, it is an economic solution for our region.

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Sincerely,

Kristen Miller
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June 13, 2025

Darnell Grisby, Chair,
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1120 N Street MS 22
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Support for CTC Staff Recommendation for Santa Barbara U.S. 101 Multimodal Corridor

Dear Mr. Grisby,

My name is Tristen Miller and I am writing to you today on behalf of Strong Towns Santa Barbara, a group founded to work closely with local officials to promote and enact policy which embodies urban planning principles necessary for resilient and financially sustainable city design. Since we began in 2023, we've brought together over 400 locals to help make Santa Barbara more resilient, fiscally sound, and people-oriented — one step at a time.

I am writing in support of SBCAG's and Caltrans' joint funding applications to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) for Cycle 4 of the Senate Bill 1 (SB1) Competitive Programs for completion of the Santa Barbara U.S. 101 Multimodal Corridor project (Project).

This is the final phase of an ongoing effort to improve mobility in the corridor between Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties, which was supported by 80% of Santa Barbara County voters who are investing \$140 million in local sales tax funding. The Project helps to protect the economic viability, quality of life, and environmental sustainability of the region and the state by providing multiple transportation benefits that provides a safe transportation network, reduces congestion on U.S. 101, improves interregional goods movement, increases multimodal access, and creates access to jobs.

The U.S. 101 corridor is the only major highway connecting the Central Coast to both northern and southern California. Improvement of the corridor is not just a priority for

the region, but also for the State, recognized in multiple regional and state plans and strategies.

Santa Barbara U.S. 101 Multimodal Corridor project components include:

- Completion of a critical arterial, U.S. 101 by completing a gap on U.S. 101 with a peak-hour carpool lane with a total of three lanes in each direction. By completing the final half mile HOV gap on U.S. 101 in the city of Santa Barbara, carpoolers and riders of the interregional transit service known as the Coastal Express will be able to benefit with a sixteen mile long HOV lane prioritized for high occupancy users.
- Expansion of transit, including the purchase of three zero-emission buses for the Ventura County Transportation Commission Coastal Express bus, and improving commuter rail service from Los Angeles to Ventura, will enhance public transportation services along the corridor and will help achieve a balanced set of transportation, environmental, and community access improvements.
- Serves Disadvantaged Communities in Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties. The completion of the project will address various needs of the disadvantaged and low-income communities in Santa Barbara and Ventura counties. With the carpool lane addition, low-income households who rely on bus transit will benefit from the anticipated travel time savings. Additional components of the project include a series of bicycle and pedestrian safety enhancements in Santa Barbara's Eastside disadvantaged community to help reconnect communities in the corridor.
- Meets State Greenhouse Reduction Goals by increasing active transportation options. The project will also install Zero Emission Vehicle charging stations along the corridor to accelerate the adoption of ZEV use and promote sustainability and reduced impacts on the environment.
- Strong partnerships exist to complete these projects. Partnering organizations include SBCAG, Caltrans, California Transportation Commission, Cities of Santa Barbara and Carpinteria, County of Santa Barbara, as well as the communities of Montecito and Summerland.

We support this grant application and project for the multi-modal zero emission projects included in the grant application. These include:

- New sidewalks along Cabrillo Blvd beneath the 101 Freeway
- Extension of the Coastal Trail with a Multi-use path along Cabrillo Blvd beneath the 101 Freeway
- Bicycle and pedestrian safety enhancements in Santa Barbara's Eastside
- ZEV charging infrastructure at the East Cabrillo parking lot
- Three ZEV busses for VCTC
- Replacement of an old rail bridge to allow for future double tracking

It is important to note that one of the key components of Strong Towns philosophy, both locally and nationally, is the [end of freeway widenings](#) and expansions. Though this project includes a new HOV lane rather than just a simple widening, we believe the benefits of this widening are unclear. However, we support this grant because of the many multimodal projects included in the request, and hope to see similar projects being funded in our region going forward—without any freeway widenings.

We firmly believe the Santa Barbara U.S. 101 Multimodal Corridor project makes a significant impact for residents and businesses in Santa Barbara County, Central Coast region, State of California, and beyond. For these reasons, we strongly support SBCAG and Caltrans' Senate Bill 1, Cycle 4 grant application and urge your full consideration of this application.

We strongly support the CTC staff recommendations and urge the Commission to approve funding for the Santa Barbara U.S. 101 Multimodal Corridor at their June 26, 2025 meeting.

We hope that you will support this project.

Sincerely,

Tristen Miller, Member

Sullivan Israel, Leader
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Douglas Ridley, Member
Luca D'Agruma, Member
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And the 400 other members of Strong Towns Santa Barbara

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June 12, 2025

Darnell Grisby, Chair,
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1120 N Street MS 22
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Dear Chair Grisby & Members of the California Transportation Commission:

On behalf of the University of California, Santa Barbara, I am writing in support of the California Transportation Commission (CTC) staff recommendation to program \$134 million in Senate Bill 1 Cycle 4 funding to complete the Santa Barbara U.S. 101 Multimodal Corridor.

The Santa Barbara U.S. 101 Multimodal Corridor is a transformative interregional project that is alignment with state climate and equity goals and will provide needed congestion relief to the more than 100,000 Californians who travel the corridor between Santa Barbara and Ventura County. SBCAG and Caltrans have developed a multimodal suite of transportation improvements to address growing congestion in the U.S. 101 corridor with solutions developed through a community consensus process.

The University of California, Santa Barbara is a billion-dollar public serving institution and the largest employer in Santa Barbara County. Everyday staff, faculty, students and visitors rely on the U.S. 101 to get to campus to do their work, access higher education and conduct research that is vital at the federal, state and local level.

The Santa Barbara U.S. 101 Multimodal Corridor project has a significant impact on residents and businesses in Santa Barbara County, the Central Coast, and the State of California. For these reasons, I strongly support the CTC staff recommendations and urge the Commission to approve funding for the Santa Barbara U.S. 101 Multimodal Corridor at their June 26, 2025 meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Longbrake", is written over a horizontal line.

John Longbrake
Vice Chancellor, External Relations
UC Santa Barbara



Ventura County Transportation Commission

June 16, 2025

Darnell Grisby, Chair,
California Transportation Commission
1120 N Street MS 22
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for CTC Staff Recommendation for Santa Barbara U.S. 101 Multimodal Corridor

Dear Chair Grisby & Members of the California Transportation Commission:

The Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC) strongly supports the California Transportation Commission (CTC) Staff recommendation to program \$134 million in Senate Bill 1 Cycle 4 funding to complete the Santa Barbara U.S. 101 Multimodal Corridor. The Santa Barbara U.S. 101 Multimodal Corridor is the number one regional priority for the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments and joint partnership with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans).

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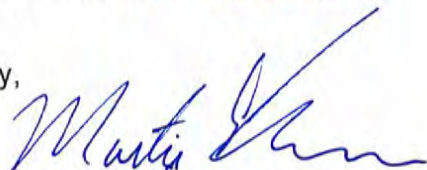
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We strongly support the CTC staff recommendations and urge the Commission to approve funding for the Santa Barbara U.S. 101 Multimodal Corridor at their June 26, 2025 meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact SBCAG Executive Director, Marjie Kirn, at (805) 600-4497 or by email at mkirn@sbcag.org.

Sincerely,



Martin R. Erickson
Executive Director

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RE: Support for CTC Staff Recommendation for Santa Barbara U.S. 101 Multimodal Corridor

Dear Chair Grisby & Members of the California Transportation Commission:

On behalf of Visit Santa Barbara, I am writing to express strong support for the California Transportation Commission (CTC) staff recommendation to program \$134 million in Senate Bill 1 (SB1) Cycle 4 funding to complete the Santa Barbara U.S. 101 Multimodal Corridor project.

This critical infrastructure project is the number one priority for the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) and represents a long-standing, collaborative partnership with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). Completion of the US 101 Corridor is essential not only for regional mobility and safety but also for the economic vitality of our area – particularly our tourism economy.

As one of California's premier visitor destinations, Santa Barbara County welcomes millions of tourists each year who travel through this corridor. The 101 serves as the main route connecting Southern and Northern California, and is heavily used by travelers visiting our beaches, cultural attractions, wineries, and historic downtowns. Delays and congestion on this route directly impact the visitor experience, the flow of goods and services, and the hospitality industry, which is a cornerstone of our local economy. Investing in this multimodal corridor will not only enhance safety and capacity but also promote sustainability and economic resilience in one of the state's most visited regions.

We are very appreciative of the opportunities that SB1 provides in funding transformative transportation projects in our region. We urge your full support for this vital investment in California's infrastructure and tourism economy and approve funding for the U.S. 101 Multimodal Corridor at the June 26, 2025 meeting.

Best,
Kathy Janega-Dykes
President & CEO
Visit Santa Barbara



June 18, 2025

Chair Grisby
California Transportation Commission
1120 N. Street, MS-52
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for the Adoption of Watsonville-Santa Cruz Multimodal Corridor Program, SB1-Cycle 4 Agenda Tabs 20 and 22

Dear Chair Grisby & CTC Commissioners:

The Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) is pleased to share our strong support for the adoption of the **Watsonville - Santa Cruz Multimodal Corridor Program (WSC-MCP) Cycle 4 Project** and we urge you to adopt the staff recommendation for funding this important project.

The transformative Watsonville-Santa Cruz Multimodal Corridor Program provides congestion relief and reduces transit travel times; reduces single occupancy vehicle miles traveled (VMT) and increases bus ridership, biking and walking; advances transportation equity; improves roadway safety for all users; and better connects Santa Cruz County to communities on the Central Coast and in the San Francisco Bay Area.

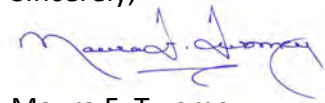
The innovative bus on shoulder facility will improve transit on-time performance and reliability by allowing zero-emission buses to bypass congestion and operate on the outside shoulder and on auxiliary lanes on Highway 1. This will also facilitate the expansion of express bus service and the creation of two new “rapid” routes for Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District’s (METRO) regional route network between Watsonville and Santa Cruz. METRO regional routes provide vital coverage because they serve the transportation disadvantaged community of Watsonville and connect its residents to educational, healthcare, and job centers in Aptos, Capitola, and Santa Cruz and serve the low-income unincorporated communities of Live Oak and Seacliff. The highway component of this project is the final phase of a three-phase operational improvement program with 2-miles of improvements completed and another 3 miles under construction.

The project will build a 1.25-mile segment of the iconic 32-mile Coastal Rail Trail, including four pedestrian/bicycle overcrossings to reconnect communities divided by major barriers including Highway 1, Soquel Drive, and major waterways. Finally, the project also includes critical improvements to the major arterial Soquel Drive that parallels Highway 1 serving Cabrillo Community College, neighborhood schools, commercial centers, grocery stores, both the county’s hospitals, other medical facilities, and other key destinations. The cycle 4 project includes enhancements to METRO bus service by installing new in-lane boarding platforms, shelters, real-time bus arrival displays, and ticket validators. METRO’s rapid but routes will

receive transit signal priority devices at signalized intersections, as well as active transportation upgrades on Soquel Drive that will close sidewalk gaps, construct ADA ramps and curb extensions, and install separated bicycle facilities and high visibility treatments. The Rapid routes connect all the Opportunity Areas between Watsonville and Santa Cruz, and their two termini are sites of new 100% affordable housing projects.

This project closely aligns with local, regional, state, and federal climate action and resiliency goals and will improve safety, increase mobility, reduce congestion, and enhance the quality of life for residents, students, and visitors. We are pleased to support this work and thank you for your consideration of adopting this important project.

Sincerely,



Maura F. Twomey
Executive Director, AMBAG

cc. Sarah Christensen, P.E., Executive Director, SCCRTC



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RE: Support for CTC Staff Recommendation for Santa Barbara U.S. 101 Multimodal Corridor

Dear Chair Grisby & Members of the California Transportation Commission:

The Isla Vista Community Services District strongly supports the California Transportation Commission (CTC) Staff recommendation to program \$134 million in Senate Bill 1 Cycle 4 funding to complete the Santa Barbara U.S. 101 Multimodal Corridor. The Santa Barbara U.S. 101 Multimodal Corridor is the number one regional priority for the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments and joint partnership with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans).

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Sincerely,

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RE: Senate Bill 1 Competitive Programs Staff Recommendations – Letter of Support

Dear Chair Grisby:

On June 6, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) staff released its recommendations for the proposed programming of three Senate Bill 1 (SB1) competitive programs: the Solutions for Congested Corridors (SCC) Program, Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP), and Local Partnership Competitive Program (LPP-C). The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) offers its strong support for the project lists proposed by CTC staff. MTC thanks the CTC staff for their hard work and believes their recommendations represent a balanced list of projects that considers state goals of reducing greenhouse gas emissions, enhancing traveler and goods movement connectivity, and promoting alternative transportation over single-occupant vehicles.

MTC and our Bay Area partners took a comprehensive approach to select the region's nominations for the SCC and TCEP programs. The approach included the adoption of prioritization principles that promote early project delivery and advance state and regional goals. MTC used these principles to select and rank, where appropriate, project nominations to forward to the CTC. All recommended projects are consistent with and further the goals of *Plan Bay Area 2050*, the Bay Area's current Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy.

The 11 Bay Area projects recommended for SB1 funding will leverage significant federal, regional, and local investments, reflecting a diverse set of goals aimed at improving mobility, safety, sustainability, and economic vitality. The recommended Bay Area projects are:

- The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency's (SFMTA) Train Control Upgrade Project Phase 1 will modernize the entire SFMTA light rail "Muni Metro" system with Communications-Based Train Control technology. The \$41 million in SCC funds will complete the funding plan for the first phase and leverage \$114 million in federal, local, and other state funding. Construction is scheduled to begin in fiscal year 2026-2027.
- The San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART) Silicon Valley Phase 2 Extension, led by the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), is a regionally transformative project that will extend the BART rail system by six miles through downtown San José to the City of Santa Clara. The \$75 million in SCC and \$25 million in LPP-C funds will complete the funding plan, leveraging \$1.5 billion in other state funds and \$375 million in Regional Measure 3 toll funding for the project. Construction can begin in fiscal year 2025-2026.

- The Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit District (SMART) Healdsburg Extension Project will extend rail and pathway from 5.5 miles from Windsor to Healdsburg in Sonoma County. The \$62 million in SCC and \$25 million in LPP-C funds will complete the funding plan, leveraging \$106 million in other federal, state, and regional sources. Construction can begin in fiscal year 2025-2026.
- Alameda County Transportation Commission's (ACTC) Rail Safety Enhancement Program, Phase A, will construct much-needed safety improvements at 24 at-grade railroad crossings and two trespass prevention locations in Alameda County. The \$30 million in TCEP funds will complete the funding plan, and construction can begin in fiscal year 2025-2026.
- The I-680/SR-4 Interchange Improvements project will extend and widen the southbound I-680 ramp, add a ramp metering system (Phase 2A), and construct a new direct connector from southbound I-680 to eastbound SR-4 (Phase 4) in Contra Costa County. The \$58 million in TCEP funds will complete the funding plan for the project and leverage \$210 million in Regional Measure 3 toll funding. Construction can begin in fiscal year 2025-2026.
- The US-101/SR-84 Interchange Reimagined project in San Mateo County will reconstruct the interchange to improve traffic flow, freight access, and safety by eliminating a 5-leg intersection. The \$14 million in TCEP funds will be dedicated to the construction phase, which is expected to begin in fiscal year 2026-2027.
- The State Route 37 Sears Point to Mare Island Improvement Project, Phase 2, will support multimodal travel, decrease traffic congestion, increase freight throughput, enhance safety, and improve corridor environmental resilience in Napa, Solano, and Sonoma counties. The \$73 million in TCEP funds will be dedicated to the construction phase and is expected to begin in fiscal year 2026-2027.
- The TCEP funding recommendations also include awards for three Caltrans-nominated projects: the Prologis Mobility – Freight Logistics Electrifications for Emission-Free Transport Project (\$15 million TCEP); Forum Mobility – Beyond the Dock: Heavy-Duty Electrification of the Port of Oakland Priority Trade Corridors Project (\$3 million TCEP); and the Accelerating Zero Emission Fleet Charging on Priority Freight Corridors project in Oakland (\$6 million TCEP), which is a part of the larger Gage Zero program.
- LPP-C funding recommendations include awards for three Bay Area projects. Two projects are also recommended in the SCC program: the BART to Silicon Valley Phase II Extension in Santa Clara County (\$25 million LPP-C) and the SMART Healdsburg Extension in Sonoma County (\$25 million LPP-C). The third award will complete the funding plan for the SFMTA's Howard Streetscape Project in San Francisco (\$14 million LPP-C).

While not all Bay Area nominated projects were recommended for funding due to requests far exceeding limited available resources, the CTC staff recommendations strike a good balance among transportation needs, environmental sensitivities, and geographic considerations. MTC appreciates your staff's collaboration and dedication in developing program guidelines through an open and inclusive process, as well as in evaluating all nominations fairly following the program guidelines.

MTC looks forward to working with project sponsors, the Commission, and Caltrans to deliver these critical transportation improvement projects across the San Francisco Bay Area region. Please contact Theresa Romell, MTC's Director of Funding Policy and Programs, at 415-778-6772 or via email at trumell@bayareametro.gov if you need further information.

Sincerely,

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Andrew B. Fremier
Executive Director

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June 18, 2025

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RE: Support for CTC Staff Recommendation for Santa Barbara U.S. 101 Multimodal Corridor

Dear Chair Grisby & Members of the California Transportation Commission:

EconAlliance strongly supports the California Transportation Commission (CTC) Staff recommendation to program \$134 million in Senate Bill 1 Cycle 4 funding to complete the Santa Barbara U.S. 101 Multimodal Corridor. The Santa Barbara U.S. 101 Multimodal Corridor is the number one regional priority for the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments and joint partnership with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans).

The Santa Barbara U.S. 101 Multimodal Corridor is a transformative interregional project that is alignment with state climate and equity goals and will provide needed congestion relief to the more than 100,000 Californians who travel the corridor between Santa Barbara and Ventura County. The Corridor is Caltrans District 5's most congested corridor and one of the most congested freeway segments in California. Additionally, it is the only corridor on the Central Coast that connects the Bay Area to Southern California. This is especially significant when Interstate 5 is closed due to inclement weather or disasters and U.S. 101 on the Central Coast becomes the only North-South connector for all of California. EconAlliance represents many of the industries who utilize this corridor to ship agricultural and manufactured goods, employees commuting from surrounding communities and receiving vital supplies to support the local economy. These improvements are making trucking and commuting safer while providing opportunities reduce the multitude of impacts that sitting in traffic have on our health and cost of services due to delays.

Finally, we appreciate the opportunities that SB1 provides in funding transformative transportation projects in our region. We especially value the work that CTC staff invested to allocate SB1 funds in a timely and productive manner. We strongly support the CTC staff recommendations and urge the Commission to approve funding for the Santa Barbara U.S. 101 Multimodal Corridor at their June 26, 2025, meeting.

Sincerely,

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Jenelle Osborne, CEO

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RE: Support for CTC Staff Recommendation for Santa Barbara U.S. 101 Multimodal Corridor

Dear Chair Grisby & Members of the California Transportation Commission:

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SBCAG and Caltrans have developed a multimodal suite of transportation improvements to address growing congestion in the U.S. 101 corridor with innovative solutions developed through a community consensus process and ratified by County voters with 79% support for Measure A, Santa Barbara County's regional transportation sales tax measure.

Caltrans and SBCAG are partners in developing transportation improvements in the corridor and have invested over \$800 million in State and regional funding to deliver prior phases of the project. Caltrans and SBCAG will continue making needed investments in partnership with the CTC to complete the remaining improvements in this critical corridor.

Finally, we are very appreciative of the opportunities that SB1 provides in funding transformative transportation projects in our region. We especially value the work that CTC staff invested to allocate SB1 funds in a timely and productive manner.

We strongly support the CTC staff recommendations and urge the Commission to approve funding for the Santa Barbara U.S. 101 Multimodal Corridor at their June 26, 2025 meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact SBCAG Executive Director, Marjie Kirn, at (805) 600-4497 or by email at mkirn@sbcag.org.

Sincerely,

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Houghton Hyatt, Executive Director – Montecito Association

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RE: Support for CTC Staff Recommendation for Santa Barbara U.S. 101 Multimodal Corridor

Dear Chair Grisby & Members of the California Transportation Commission:

The Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District (District) supports the California Transportation Commission (CTC) staff recommendation to program \$134 million in Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) Cycle 4 funding to complete the Santa Barbara U.S. 101 Multimodal Corridor project. The Santa Barbara U.S. 101 Multimodal Corridor is the number one regional priority for the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) in partnership with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). The U.S. 101 Multimodal Corridor project is an important project for our region and, if funded, with the inclusion of multimodal transportation and zero emission components, will support the District's mission of protecting the people and the environment of Santa Barbara County from the effects of air pollution.

The improvements included in this project consist of a first-of-its-kind High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane in the Central Coast, while also providing funding for the Cabrillo Boulevard Rail, Bicycle, and Pedestrian Improvements, Santa Barbara Eastside Active Transportation Improvements, electric bus replacements for Ventura County Transportation Commission, and electric vehicle (EV) charging stations in Santa Barbara. The project will reduce congestion and greenhouse gas emissions while improving transit reliability. The Santa Barbara U.S. 101 Multimodal Corridor is a transformative interregional project that is aligned with state climate and equity goals and will provide needed congestion relief to the more than 100,000 Californians who travel the corridor between Santa Barbara and Ventura County. The Corridor is Caltrans District 5's most congested corridor and one of the most congested freeway segments in California. Additionally, it is the only corridor on the Central Coast that connects the Bay Area to Southern California. This is especially significant when Interstate 5 is closed due to inclement weather or disasters and U.S. 101 on the Central Coast becomes the only North-South connector for all of California.

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million in State and regional funding to deliver prior phases of the project. Caltrans and SBCAG will continue making needed investments in partnership with the CTC to complete the remaining improvements in this critical corridor.

This Project will support the decarbonization of vehicle transportation – which is one of the largest contributors to global greenhouse gas emissions in the region – by promoting carpooling through the funding of an HOV lane, providing funding for electric buses and EV charging stations, and supporting active transportation improvements. In addition to mitigating climate change, the project will also bring other positive air quality benefits to our community by reducing harmful air pollutants, such as ozone precursor emissions, particulate matter (PM), and toxic air contaminants. Mobile sources are outside of the District's regulatory authority, making it all the more important to leverage funding sources such as SB 1 funding to help reduce on-road emissions and promote zero emission vehicle expansion throughout the region. Santa Barbara County is designated nonattainment for the State's PM₁₀ standard and nonattainment-transitional for the State's ozone standard, which highlights the importance of projects like this to help reduce emissions and protect public health.

For these reasons, we support the CTC staff recommendation and urge the Commission to approve funding for the Santa Barbara U.S. 101 Multimodal Corridor at their June 26, 2025 meeting. We look forward to the benefits that this project will bring to the region in terms of reducing air pollution, supporting active transportation, improving transit reliability, and accelerating the transition to zero emission technology.

If you have any questions, please contact SBCAG Executive Director, Marjie Kirn, at (805) 600-4497 or by email at mkirn@sbcag.org.

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