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**To:** California Transportation Commission

1120 N Street MS 52

Sacramento, CA 95814

Via email: [ctc@catc.ca.gov](mailto:ctc@catc.ca.gov)

**Re:** Information on Item on March 19-20 CTC agenda: Relinquishment of I-5 Freeway Right of Way in Barrio Logan community to City of San Diego

Dear California Transportation Commission,

The Strategic Growth Council is pleased to provide additional background information regarding an item on the March 19–20 CTC agenda: Relinquishment of I-5 freeway right-of-way to the City of San Diego for active transportation uses in the Barrio Logan community.

This parcel is the planned site of the City of San Diego's Boston Avenue Park project, which is slated to receive \$3.9 million in Round 5 Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) implementation funding from the Strategic Growth Council. These funds were awarded in December 2023 as part of a larger \$22 million grant to the San Diego Foundation for the *Rooted in Comunidad, Cultivating Equity* initiative—an integrated set of climate resiliency projects serving the historic barrios of southeastern San Diego.

The [Transformative Climate Communities \(TCC\) Program](#) funds community-led development and infrastructure projects that achieve major environmental, health, and economic benefits in California's most disadvantaged communities. TCC empowers the communities most impacted by pollution to choose the strategies and projects best suited to achieve their community vision and enact transformational change. All with data-driven milestones and measurable outcomes.

Since 2018, the California Strategic Growth Council has awarded over \$424 million in TCC grants to 37 of the most disadvantaged communities in California through a competitive process. TCC is funded through the State General Fund, cap-and-trade dollars at work through California Climate Investments and Proposition 4 (Climate Bond).

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The underserved community of Barrio Logan has advocated for more than 40 years for a park at this location, along Boston Avenue between 29th and 32nd Streets. The proposed project will transform unused I-5 freeway right-of-way into a long-planned neighborhood park and multi-use active transportation pathway in an area with limited green space and recreational opportunities. The park will also provide a key buffer between the freeway and the surrounding residential neighborhood.

The relinquishment of the I-5 freeway right-of-way from Caltrans to the City of San Diego is a required step before the City can access its TCC grant funds and advance the Boston Avenue Park project.

We appreciate the dedication of Caltrans, the City of San Diego, the *Rooted in Comunidad, Cultivating Equity* project partners, and the many Barrio Logan community members who have worked tirelessly for years to move this project forward.

Please let us know if we can provide any additional information about the TCC program or SGC's funding for this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nicole Cartwright", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Nicole Cartwright  
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