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January 28, 2014

Mr. Andre Boutros  
Executive Director  
California Transportation Commission  
1120 N Street  
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Boutros:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) would like to ask the California Transportation Commission (CTC) for their continued support of the Tehachapi Trade Corridor Rail Improvement Project and its inclusion in the Trade Corridor Improvement Fund (TCIF) Program.

This project is important for goods movement by adding capacity to a critical bottleneck in the Tehachapi Trade Corridor with specific improvements on the Union Pacific Railroad's Mohave Subdivision that benefit freight commerce for all of California.

The proposed baseline amendment, as reflected in the attached Project Program Request (PPR), updates the schedule only; there are no changes to the current scope or costs. BNSF Railway Company and Caltrans have proceeded with the design and environmental clearance necessary in order to begin construction in 2014. Additionally, the TCIF Baseline Amendment is supported by the Northern California Trade Corridors Coalition.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Malcolm Dougherty".

MALCOLM DOUGHERTY  
Director

Attachment



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January 24, 2014

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Mr. Andre Boutros, Executive Director  
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Cities of San Mateo County

*Tom Astumbrado*  
U.S. Department of Housing  
and Urban Development

*Tom Bates*  
Cities of Alameda County

Dear Mr. Boutros:

*David Campos*  
City and County of San Francisco

The Northern California Trade Corridors Coalition (Coalition) is in support of the California Department of Transportation's (Caltrans') request for the Tehachapi Rail Improvements project to remain in the Coalition's Trade Corridor Improvement Fund (TCIF) program.

*Bill Dodd*  
Napa County and Cities

*Dorene M. Giacomini*  
U.S. Department of Transportation

*Federal D. Glover*  
Contra Costa County

**Tehachapi Rail Improvements Project ("Project"):**

*Scott Haggerty*  
Alameda County

Caltrans has experienced delays in the approval of the environmental document for the re-scoped Tehachapi Rail Improvements project. As a result of the delay, Caltrans has requested Coalition support for the Project to remain in the Coalition's TCIF Program.

*Anne W. Halsted*  
San Francisco Bay Conservation  
and Development Commission

*Steve Kinsey*  
Marin County and Cities

The project is still expected to deliver significant project benefits. The Coalition met on January 21, 2014 and supported Caltrans's request to keep the Project in the Coalition's TCIF Program, with a revised allocation of June 2014. We understand Caltrans has requested this proposed update to be placed on the January 2014 CTC meeting agenda for consideration.

*Sam Liccardo*  
San Jose Mayor's Appointee

*Mark Luce*  
Association of Bay Area Governments

*Jake Mackenzie*  
Sonoma County and Cities

Should you have any questions or comments, please contact Kenneth Kao of my staff at (510) 817-5768 or [kkao@mtc.ca.gov](mailto:kkao@mtc.ca.gov).

*Joe Pirzynski*  
Cities of Santa Clara County

Sincerely,

*Jean Quan*  
Oakland Mayor's Appointee

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State Business, Transportation  
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*Andrew B. Fremier*  
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