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The I-5 Consortium Cities Joint Powers Authority

For the preservation of communities while enhancing freeway capacity

March 26, 2012

Mr. Dario Frommer and
Members of the California Transportation Commission
1120 N Street
Room 2221 (MS-52)
Sacramento, CA 95814

Member Cities:

Commerce

Downey

La Mirada

Norwalk

Santa Fe Springs

Dear Mr. Frommer and Commissioners:

On behalf of the I-5 Consortium Cities Joint Powers Authority (I-5 JPA), I am writing to follow up on our initial letter of support, provided in January 2012, to reiterate our very strong support for the widening of Interstate 5 freeway between the I-605 interchange and the Orange County border, and to express our appreciation regarding your upcoming April 2012 schedule to allocate the CMIA funds.

The I-5 JPA understands the significance of allocating nearly \$400 million in CMIA funds, as this is a large portion of the \$1.6 billion total needed, obtained and now nearly all committed. It's been our intent not to see any of the funding jeopardized, especially the CMIA funds, as we are 18+ years into this project, and we have a vested interest in the timely completion.

We fully support the sense of urgency raised by members of the California Transportation Commission regarding the strict timelines to have this project awarded and under construction by the end of this year. Additionally, we appreciate the Commission's efforts to ensure Caltrans expedites this project as its highest priority.

Again, thank you for continuing to support the I-5 widening project. If there is anything that I, or our I-5 JPA can do, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Michael Mendez
Chairman

cc: Caltrans, Mike Miles District 7 Director
I-5 JPA Administrative Entity
I-5 JPA Policy Board