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May 1, 2013

Mr. Andre Boutros
Executive Director
California Transportation Commission
1120 N Street, Room 2221 (MS-52)
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Boutros:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) would like to express its strong support of the Trade Corridor Improvement Funds (TCIF) Baseline Agreement for the revised two-segment Tehachapi Trade Corridor Rail Improvement Project.

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. Delivery of the original project has been impacted due to challenges with the Environmental Impact Report and the project as programmed is unable to meet the TCIF Program Guidelines requiring all projects to begin construction by December 2013.

In order to meet this deadline, Caltrans and BNSF Railway Company propose to amend the project by reducing scope and associated costs from the project. The reduced scope project will construct improvements at two of the original six segments. The reduced scope project will still provide significant improvements in freight capacity along with substantial public benefits by achieving 63 percent of the freight capacity increase that would have been derived from the original project.

Additionally, the TCIF Baseline Amendment is supported by the Northern California Trade Corridors Coalition and eliminates over programming in the Northern California Trade Corridor Region.

Sincerely,

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

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Director



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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') Trade Corridor Improvement Fund (TCIF) baseline agreement amendment for the Tehachapi Rail Improvements project.

Bill Dodd
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U.S. Department of Transportation

Tehachapi Rail Improvements Project ("Project"):

Federal D. Glover
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Caltrans requests amending the baseline to reflect reduced scope, updated project schedule, and updated funding plan. As a result of unanticipated environmental issues with the original project, Caltrans, working with the BNSF Railway, proposes downscoping the project to only segments 1 and 2 of the original 6 segments of the project. The reduced scope would still deliver over 60 percent of the original project benefits, according to the updated cost-benefit analysis completed in March 2013.

Scott Haggerty
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Caltrans also requests revising the total project cost from \$107,000,000 to \$26,040,000, with TCIF's proposed contribution revised from \$54,000,000 to \$12,270,000. The proposed start construction date would also be moved to December 2013, which is consistent with the TCIF Guidelines.

Mark Luce
Association of Bay Area Governments

Jake Markenszic
Sonoma County and Cities

The Coalition supports the proposed baseline agreement amendments to update the project scope, funding plan, and project schedule. The Coalition also supports allowing Caltrans to allocate the TCIF funds at the October 2013 meeting, since construction will be done through BNSF Railway's own forces. We understand Caltrans has requested this proposed amendment to be placed on the May 2013 CTC meeting agenda for consideration.

Joe Pirzynski
Cities of Santa Clara County

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Sincerely,

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RJM:KK