



July 31, 2009



Mr. Randy Iwasaki
Director
California Department of Transportation
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Dear Director Iwasaki:

The Southern California Consensus Working Group, comprised of the transportation commissions in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties, Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority, Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority, Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, Southern California Association of Governments and the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (Metrolink), is pleased to submit the enclosed application package of nationally and regionally significant projects for \$365.5 million in funding under the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act TIGER grant program. We applaud the California Department of Transportation for its leadership in proposing to identify applications statewide for endorsement by the State and we are confident that the "ready-to-go" projects set forth in this package meet the stated goals and objectives of the TIGER program.

For the past several years, the Southern California Consensus Working Group agencies have collaborated to address the impacts of goods movement on the region's transportation infrastructure, environment, safety, and quality of life. We have identified more than \$50 billion in goods movement infrastructure and technology improvements needed to address the challenges facing Southern California. The enclosed package of port and intermodal projects including rail (passenger and freight), highway, and grade separation improvements and committed state and local fund sources have been identified in order to leverage federal funds and effectively compete for TIGER funds. When funded, these projects will implement key provisions of priority state and regional goods movement plans providing long-term benefits including: promoting safety, improving mobility, reducing bottlenecks in the system and assisting those communities most affected by the current economic downturn. The

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projects together will sustain economic activity in Southern California of \$6.8 billion, generating 52,490 annual full-time equivalent jobs with earnings of \$2.19 billion. ARRA TIGER funding for the projects will sustain economic activity in Southern California of \$924 million, generating 7,160 annual full-time equivalent jobs with earnings of \$297.6 million.



We believe the projects we nominated have technical merit and we are confident the US Department of Transportation will support the maximum amount of funding available for our package.



Once again, thank you for your leadership and support. We look forward to working with you, and your staff, throughout the TIGER grant evaluation and screening process.

If you have any questions about the application package please feel free to contact Shahrzad Amiri at (213) 922-3061 or Michelle Smith at (213) 922-3057.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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Project List for Discretionary American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Funding¹

(Submitted by the Southern California Consensus Group)



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- Auto Center Drive/BNSF / Iowa Avenue/BNSF
- Baldwin Avenue Grade Separation Project
- Gene Autry Way & Interstate 5 Interchange Construction Project
- Gerald Desmond Bridge Construction
- I-5 Truck Lane Project
- I-10 Mixed Flow lane westbound from Ford St to West of Live Oak Canyon Rd
- I-15 La Mesa Nisqualli Rd Interchange
- Positive Train Control
- San Pedro Bay Ports Rail System: West Basin Rail Access Improvements
- South Wilmington Grade Separation
- SR-47 Expressway Project

Total Request: \$365,562,000

NOTE: 1- US DOT refers to these Grants as "Grants for Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery" or TIGER Discretionary Grants."