April 13, 2022

The Honorable Ken Calvert
United States House of Representatives
2205 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: Ontario Avenue/Interstate 15 Multimodal Corridor Enhancement Project (Right of Way and Acquisition)

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Mark Lancaster
Director of Transportation
April 14, 2022

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RE: Ontario Avenue/Interstate 15 Multimodal Corridor Enhancement Project Letter of Support

Dear Representative Calvert,

Thank you for providing the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) the opportunity to comment on the City of Corona’s efforts to advance the Ontario Avenue/Interstate 15 Multimodal Corridor Enhancement Project (Project) through the support of Congressional Delegation Community Project Funding under the FY 2023 appropriation process.

We have appreciated working closely with the City of Corona on this effort as evidenced by our inclusion of the projects in the Federal Statewide Transportation Improvements Program, 2021 Federal Transportation Improvement Plan (FTIP), and the 2020 Connect SoCal, Southern California Association of Government’s Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy.

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The City of Corona may include this letter in its submission for Congressional Delegation Community Project Funding to demonstrate that there is broad regional support and that the project is consistent with regional plans and benefits from multi-agency collaboration.

We look forward to continuing to work with the city and we appreciate the continued partnership.

Sincerely,

Anne Mayer
Executive Director
April 13, 2022  
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Cameron Brown
Transportation Program Manager, WRCOG
April 12, 2022

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[Signature]

Jacob Ellis,
City Manager
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Karen Spiegel
Second District Supervisor
County of Riverside
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Dear Honorable Congressman Ken Calvert,

On behalf of the CORONA Chamber of Commerce, we request your support for the Ontario Avenue/Interstate 15 Multimodal Corridor Enhancement Project (Right of Way and Acquisition) as a Community Project Funding request under the FY 2023 appropriations process. Supporting the City of Corona, the CORONA Chamber joins in these efforts to secure $2,000,000 in federal support.

Representing over 750 businesses, and 55,000 jobs, the CORONA Chamber continues to search for ways to improve the flow of goods and services for our businesses and ultimately, residents. This funding will absolutely be utilized for accomplishing these goals!

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Please do not hesitate to reach out to us at 951-CHAMBER (951-242-6237) or my personal cell phone, 951-733-1836 with any questions.

Sincerely,
CORONA Chamber of Commerce

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