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April 13, 2022

The Honorable Ken Calvert  
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2205 Rayburn House Office Building  
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**RE: Ontario Avenue/Interstate 15 Multimodal Corridor Enhancement Project (Right of Way and Acquisition)**

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Mark Lancaster  
Director of Transportation



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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,

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Anne Mayer  
Executive Director



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Cameron Brown  
Transportation Program Manager, WRCOG



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Jacob Ellis,  
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Second District Supervisor  
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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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