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March 12, 2024

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

Subject: Support CPF Funding for I-15 Express Lanes Project Southern Extension

Dear Representative Calvert:

On behalf of the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) I write in strong support for our Community Project Funding (CPF) request for \$3 million to advance the Interstate (I) 15 Express Lanes Project Southern Extension (Project). The Project extends the existing I-15 Express Lanes an additional 14.5 miles from Cajalco Road in Corona to State Route 74 (Central Avenue) in Lake Elsinore, adding tolled express lanes in both directions and two auxiliary lanes at the south end of the project. The project advances RCTC's long-standing mission to provide a safe, interconnected, multimodal transportation system. Once built, the Project will provide the following benefits:

- **Improve traffic operations and increase travel time reliability** – Providing new express lanes will enhance the flow of traffic and reduce congestion on I-15, particularly at Cajalco Road where the existing I-15 Express Lanes ends.
- **Expand travel choice** – Encouraging carpooling and use of express bus service, reducing traffic to improve air quality.
- **Promote safety** – Providing optional lanes separated from trucks traveling the corridor to and from the ports.

RCTC plays a critical role in determining the transportation future of our county and has included the I-15 Express Lanes Project Southern Extension in its 2024 Draft Update to the Traffic Relief Plan, a blueprint for transportation improvements and services across Riverside County. As you know, Riverside County is the 10th largest county in the nation by population, with rapid growth driven by the region's relative housing affordability and economic opportunities, including the significant role the region plays in the nation's goods movement. The Project addresses competing passenger and commercial traffic congestion on I-15, bolstering mobility choice, and supporting continued economic development.

RCTC, in partnership with the California Department of Transportation, is conducting preliminary engineering and environmental studies to support an Environmental Impact Report and Environmental Assessment (EIR/EA) for the proposed project. The pre-construction, design, and construction represent an estimated \$650 million investment to provide a cost-effective mobility solution that will significantly benefit the residents and businesses of Riverside County.

For these reasons, RCTC requests \$3 million in Community Project Funding for the project. RCTC values your continued support for transportation in Riverside County, from your previous CPF for the project, to the I-15 Smart Freeway Pilot Project and the recently approved CPF for the Coachella Valley Rail Project. Should you have any questions regarding this request, please contact me at (951) 787-7141.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anne E. Mayer".

Anne Mayer
Executive Director

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March 8, 2024

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

Re: Support CDS Funding for I-15 Express Lanes Project Southern Extension

Dear Representative Calvert:

I am writing in support for the Riverside County Transportation Commission's (RCTC) Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) request for \$3 million to advance the Interstate (I) 15 Express Lanes Project Southern Extension (Project).

The Project extends the existing I-15 Express Lanes an additional 14.5 miles from Cajalco Road in Corona to State Route 74 (Central Avenue) in Lake Elsinore, adding tolled express lanes in both directions and two auxiliary lanes at the south end of the project. The Project advances RCTC's long-standing mission to provide a safe, interconnected, multimodal transportation system. Once built, the Project will provide the following benefits:

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For these reasons, I fully support RCTC's submittal for Congressionally Directed Spending request consideration and encourage you to include the Project in your annual funding FY25 request. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, do not hesitate to contact my representative, Kimberly Miranda, at (760)347-2360 or Kimberly.Miranda@asm.ca.gov.

Respectfully,

Eduardo Garcia
Assemblymember, 36th Assembly District

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March 7, 2024

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

Subject: Support CPF Funding for I-15 Express Lanes Project Southern Extension

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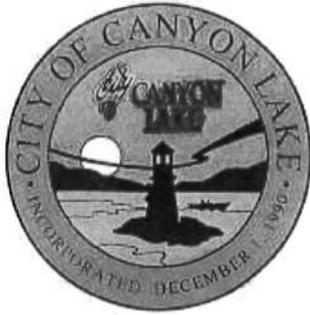
We greatly appreciate your previous support for the Interstate 15 Express Lanes Project Southern Extension, and proudly support RCTC's \$3 million Community Project Funding request for the project.

For questions regarding this letter of support, please contact my Chief of Staff, Jennifer Beall at 949-459-7170.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kate Sanchez". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "K" and "S".

Assemblywoman Kate Sanchez
Assembly District 71



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March 4, 2024

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

Subject: Support CPF Funding for I-15 Express Lanes Project Southern Extension

Dear Representative Calvert:

On behalf of the City of Canyon Lake, I am writing to lend our support for the Riverside County Transportation Commission's (RCTC) Community Project Funding (CPF) request for \$3 million to advance the Interstate (I) 15 Express Lanes Project Southern Extension (Project). The Project extends the existing I-15 Express Lanes an additional 14.5 miles from Cajalco Road in Corona to State Route 74 (Central Avenue) in Lake Elsinore, adding tolled express lanes in both directions and two auxiliary lanes at the south end of the project. The project advances RCTC's long-standing mission to provide a safe, interconnected, multimodal transportation system. Once built, the Project will provide the following benefits:

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Riverside County has the 10th highest population in the U.S., fueled by the region's growth. With relatively affordable housing and vast economic opportunities, Riverside County plays a critical role in the nation's goods movement. To advance this economic development, the Project addresses competing passenger and commercial traffic congestion on I-15, bolstering mobility choices.

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SCAG included the Project in its adopted Connect SoCal, the 2020-2045 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS), as Project ID #3160001. It is also included in the draft Connect SoCal 2024, which is scheduled for adoption in April 2024. The Project is also in SCAG's adopted 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP).

As a project consistent with the policies and goals set forth in Connect SoCal, we support and respectfully request full and fair consideration of their grant application. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Philip Law, Manager of Mobility Planning and Goods Movement, at (213) 236-1841 or email at law@scag.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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Kome Ajise
Executive Director



Western Riverside Council of Governments

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2205 Rayburn Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: Support CPF Funding for I-15 Express Lanes Project Southern Extension

Dear Representative Calvert:

On behalf of the Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG), I am writing to lend our support for the Riverside County Transportation Commission's (RCTC) Community Project Funding (CPF) request for \$3 million to advance the Interstate (I) 15 Express Lanes Project Southern Extension (Project). The Project extends the existing I-15 Express Lanes an additional 14.5 miles from Cajalco Road in Corona to State Route 74 (Central Avenue) in Lake Elsinore, adding tolled express lanes in both directions and two auxiliary lanes at the south end of the project. The project advances RCTC's long-standing mission to provide a safe, interconnected, multimodal transportation system. Once built, the Project will provide the following benefits:

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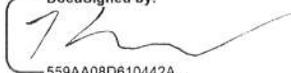
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Kurt Wilson
Executive Director