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March 25, 2025

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

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

Dear Representative Calvert:

I write in support of the Riverside County Transportation Commission's (RCTC) Community Project Funding (CPF) request for \$5 million to fund the 15 Express Lanes Project Southern Extension (Project). The Project extends the existing Interstate (I)-15 Express Lanes an additional 15.8 miles from El Cerrito Road in Corona to State Route 74 (Central Avenue) in Lake Elsinore. The Project will advance RCTC's mission to provide an interconnected, multimodal transportation system in Riverside County with the following benefits:

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For these reasons, we strongly support RCTC's \$5 million Community Project Funding request for the 15 Express Lanes Project Southern Extension. Should you have any questions regarding this letter of support, please contact Harrison Zea, Legislative Director at Harrison.zea@asm.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Leticia Castillo
Assemblywoman, 58th District

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March 26, 2025

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

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

Dear Representative Calvert,

I would like to express support for the Riverside County Transportation Commission's (RCTC) request for \$5 million in Community Project Funding (CPF) to help advance the 15 Express Lanes Project Southern Extension (Project). This Project is expected to extend the existing Interstate (I)-15 Express Lanes by an additional 15.8 miles, from El Cerrito Road in Corona to State Route 74 (Central Avenue) in Lake Elsinore, with the goal of improving mobility and connectivity in the region.

If funded, the Project may help advance RCTC's mission of providing an interconnected, multimodal transportation system in Riverside County. By allowing passenger vehicles to travel in dedicated lanes separate from trucks, the Project has the potential to enhance safety along the corridor. It is also expected to improve travel time reliability and increase mobility options by providing a more efficient alternative for commuters while encouraging carpooling and the use of express bus services. Furthermore, investing in this critical infrastructure would contribute to regional economic competitiveness by facilitating goods movement and improving access between major international ports.

Riverside County continues to experience significant population and economic growth, leading to increased traffic congestion and longer travel times for residents. As the 10th most populous county in the U.S., the region is expected to grow by 500,000 residents by 2048, with some estimates suggesting that western Riverside County alone could see an increase of up to 800,000 people. Additionally, with 40% of the nation's goods traveling through the area, transportation infrastructure improvements are critical to keeping up with growing demand.

This Project has the potential to help accommodate future growth and improve the daily travel experience for families, businesses, and commuters. For these reasons, I respectfully express support for RCTC's request for \$5 million in Community Project Funding for the 15 Express Lanes Project Southern Extension. For questions regarding this letter of support, please contact Misael Tovar Diaz at Misael.TovarDiaz@asm.ca.gov or (951) 653-0960.

Sincerely,

DR. COREY A. JACKSON, DSW, MSW
Assemblymember, 60TH District

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March 24, 2025

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

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

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For these reasons, we strongly support RCTC's \$5 million Community Project Funding request for the 15 Express Lanes Project Southern Extension. Should you have any questions regarding this letter of support, please contact my Chief of Staff, Jennifer Beall at 949-459-7170.

Sincerely,

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Kate Sanchez
Assemblywoman 71st District



March 5, 2025

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

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

Dear Representative Calvert:

The City of Canyon Lake strongly supports the Riverside County Transportation Commission's (RCTC) request for \$5 million in Community Project Funding (CPF) to fund the 15 Express Lanes Project Southern Extension. This project will extend the I-15 Express Lanes by 15.8 miles, from El Cerrito Road in Corona to State Route 74 in Lake Elsinore, delivering critical transportation benefits:

- Enhanced Safety – Dedicated express lanes separate passenger vehicles from freight traffic.
- Improved Mobility & Reliability – A faster, more predictable travel option while promoting carpooling and express bus service.
- Stronger Economic Competitiveness – Supports interstate and international commerce by easing mobility through a major freight corridor.

Riverside County residents endure some of the longest commutes in Southern California, with daily congestion impacting quality of life and productivity. Many spend hours in traffic just to reach work, school, or essential services. As the 10th most populous county in the U.S., with projections of up to 800,000 new residents in western Riverside County by 2048, our current system is struggling to keep pace. With 40% of the nation's goods moving through our region, congestion continues to grow, making daily travel even more challenging.

This project is essential to reducing gridlock, supporting economic growth, and improving travel conditions for families and businesses. For these reasons, we urge support for RCTC's funding request. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Arron Brown
City Manager



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

March 26, 2025

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

RE: **Support CPF Funding for the 15 Express Lanes Project Southern Extension**

Dear Representative Calvert,

On behalf of the City of Corona, I write in support of the Riverside County Transportation Commission's (RCTC) Community Project Funding (CPF) request for \$5 million to fund the 15 Express Lanes Project Southern Extension (Project). The Project extends the existing Interstate (I)-15 Express Lanes an additional 15.8 miles from El Cerrito Road in Corona to State Route 74 (Central Avenue) in Lake Elsinore. The Project will advance RCTC's mission to provide an interconnected, multimodal transportation system in Riverside County with the following benefits:

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For these reasons, we strongly support RCTC's \$5 million Congressionally Directed Spending request for the 15 Express Lanes Project Southern Extension. Should you have any questions regarding this letter of support, please contact Aminah Mears, DPA, at aminah.mears@coronaca.gov.

Sincerely,



Jim Steiner
Mayor, City of Corona





CITY OF EASTVALE

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March 27, 2025

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

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

Dear Representative Calvert:

On behalf of the City of Eastvale, we write in support of the Riverside County Transportation Commission's (RCTC) Community Project Funding (CPF) request for \$5 million to fund the 15 Express Lanes Project Southern Extension (Project). The Project extends the existing Interstate (I)-15 Express Lanes an additional 15.8 miles from El Cerrito Road in Corona to State Route 74 (Central Avenue) in Lake Elsinore. The Project will advance RCTC's mission to provide an interconnected, multimodal transportation system in Riverside County with the following benefits:

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For these reasons, we strongly support RCTC's \$5 million Community Project Funding request for the 15 Express Lanes Project Southern Extension. Should you have any questions regarding this letter of support, please contact Stephanie Vasquez, Assistant to the City Manager at 951.703.4424 or svasquez@eastvaleca.gov.

Sincerely,



Mike McMinn
Mayor
Legislative Ad-hoc Committee Member



Clint Lorimore
Councilmember
Legislative Ad-hoc Committee Member



MAYOR

Brian Berkson

March 24, 2025

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

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

Dear Representative Calvert:

On behalf of the City of Jurupa Valley, I write in support of the Riverside County Transportation Commission's (RCTC) Community Project Funding (CPF) request for \$5 million to fund the 15 Express Lanes Project Southern Extension (Project). The Project extends the existing Interstate (I)-15 Express Lanes an additional 15.8 miles from El Cerrito Road in Corona to State Route 74 (Central Avenue) in Lake Elsinore. The Project will advance RCTC's mission to provide an interconnected, multimodal transportation system in Riverside County with the following benefits:

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For these reasons, we strongly support RCTC's \$5 million Community Project Funding request for the 15 Express Lanes Project Southern Extension. Should you have any questions regarding this letter of support, please contact Rod Butler, City Manager at rbutler@jurupavalley.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rod D. Butler". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned below the "Sincerely," text.

Rod Butler
City Manager



March 26, 2025

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

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

Dear Representative Calvert:

On behalf of City of Lake Elsinore, I write in support of the Riverside County Transportation Commission's (RCTC) Community Project Funding (CPF) request for \$5 million to fund the 15 Express Lanes Project Southern Extension (Project). The Project extends the existing Interstate (I)-15 Express Lanes an additional 15.8 miles from El Cerrito Road in Corona to State Route 74 (Central Avenue) in Lake Elsinore. The Project will advance RCTC's mission to provide an interconnected, multimodal transportation system in Riverside County with the following benefits:

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For these reasons, we strongly support RCTC's \$5 million Community Project Funding request for the 15 Express Lanes Project Southern Extension. Should you have any questions regarding this letter of support, please contact Jason Simpson, City Manager at 951.848.0496, or jsimpson@lake-elsinore.org.

Sincerely,

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Jason Simpson

City Manager

City of Lake Elsinore

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CITY OF MURRIETA

March 28, 2025

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

RE: Support CDS Funding for the 15 Express Lanes Project Southern Extension

Dear Representative Calvert:

On behalf of the City of Murrieta, I write in support of the Riverside County Transportation Commission's (RCTC) Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) request for \$5 million to fund the 15 Express Lanes Project Southern Extension (Project). The Project extends the existing Interstate (I)-15 Express Lanes an additional 15.8 miles from El Cerrito Road in Corona to State Route 74 (Central Avenue) in Lake Elsinore. The Project will advance RCTC's mission to provide an interconnected, multimodal transportation system in Riverside County with the following benefits:

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For these reasons, we strongly support RCTC's \$5 million Congressionally Directed Spending request for the 15 Express Lanes Project Southern Extension. Should you have any questions regarding this letter of support, please contact Isaac Bravo, Management Analyst, at (951) 461-6449 or ibravo@murrietaca.gov.

Sincerely,

Cindy Warren,
Mayor