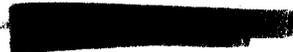


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February 25, 2003

Ms. Diane Eidam, Executive Director
California Transportation Commission
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Dear Ms. Eidam:

GRAND AVENUE PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT SUBSTITUTE PROJECT

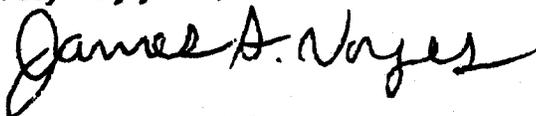
It is our understanding that the California Transportation Commission (CTC) will possibly take no action to allocate funding at its February 27, 2003, meeting on the County's request for the \$1.821 million and \$2.848 million that are shown in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for the subject project. The allocations for \$1.821 million in STIP funding and \$4.8 million in State Transportation Enhancement Activity funding are included under Reference No. 4.3a, (pages 17 and 28 of the staff report, respectively) of the CTC's February 27, 2003, agenda. The \$2.848 million is requested as a reimbursement allocation pursuant to AB 3090 in Fiscal Year 2005-06 (Reference No. 2.1a(4) on the CTC's February 27, 2003, agenda).

While we appreciate the need for the State to better understand the financial status of the State Highway Account before it can release funding from the STIP, we, nonetheless, are eager to proceed with the Grand Avenue project. We have received bids for the construction and are awaiting CTC's approval of the funding prior to awarding this contract. Consequently, we respectfully request that the CTC consider the substitute project concept that would allow us to proceed with the award of the construction contract.

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Under the substitute project concept, we have been assured that the CTC will grant future funding directly to the County in lieu of the aforementioned \$4.669 million in STIP funding for this project. Therefore, we ask that the CTC approve the substitute project at their February 27, 2003, meeting. We also ask that the allocation of the \$4.8 million in State TEA funding be approved since the State TEA program is not directly tied to funding constraints with the STIP. A representative from the County, Mr. Patrick V. DeChellis, Assistant Deputy Director for Public Works, will be attending the CTC meeting to answer any questions that may arise from this request.

Very truly yours,



JAMES A. NOYES
Director of Public Works

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February 26, 2003

Kirk Lindsay
Commission Chair
1120 N Street
Room 2221 (MS-52)
Sacramento CA 95814

Dear Commissioner Lindsay:

As you are aware the upgrading of Highway 99 through the city of Merced has been an on going project the past two years. It now appears that the project is at a stand still because there is a shortfall of \$650,000. I understand that a request has been made to the California Transportation Commission for these funds. I urge you to take whatever action is necessary to approve this allocation.

For two years the main corridors in Merced have been a snarl of traffic because of this project. Waiting to pass through a 4 way stop can easily take 10 minutes. As I see cars idling I can only think of the emissions going into the air and further polluting our already very poor quality of air. A number of businesses in the area have suffered because there is no smooth traffic flow and some streets are waiting to be opened at the completion of the project.

Your immediate action is requested. Thank you for your positive consideration.

Sincerely,

Kathleen M. Crookham
Supervisor, District Two

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