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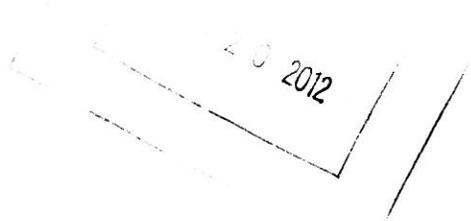


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Grace F. Napolitano
Congress of the United States
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38th District of California

January 17, 2012

Mr. Dario Frommer and
Members of the California Transportation Commission
1120 N Street, Room 2221 (MS-52)
Sacramento, CA 95814



Dear Mr. Frommer and Commissioners:

I am writing to reaffirm my very strong support for the widening of Interstate 5 freeway from the Orange County border to the 605 freeway. As you know, this has been a high priority project for the constituents in my communities for more than two decades. We have worked together diligently for many years to see this project to fruition and we are poised to see it become a reality.

I recognize and support the sense of urgency raised by members of the California Transportation Commission regarding the strict timelines to have this project awarded and under construction by the end of this year. I have been in contact with Caltrans representatives and have seen they have made great progress in the past few months. I have been assured by Caltrans leadership that they can meet the federal timelines.

I support the Commission's efforts to ensure Caltrans expedites this project as its highest priority. I believe it is critical that this project meet its timelines to ensure use of allocated CMIA funds. I am aware that the CTC may be evaluating alternative funding allocations because of concern over Caltrans meeting rigid timelines, I am convinced that the I-5 freeway widening through the southeast Los Angeles corridor has the full support and attention of every elected Council Member and State Legislative Representative to ensure timely implementation. We have come too far over too long a period to allow any further delay.

I pledge my support in any way feasible to see this project through on its currently required timeline. I would very much appreciate the Commission's concurrence and support. Please advise me of any way I may be helpful.

Sincerely,

Grace F. Napolitano
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Member of Congress