

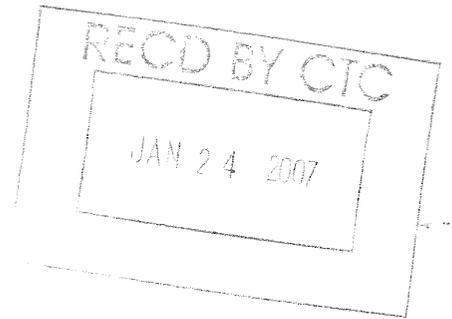


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Dear Chair Bergeson:

I write on behalf of the Silicon Valley Leadership Group to express our support for a request by Caltrans for a supplemental allocation of \$21.3 million for the San Mateo County US 101 Auxiliary Lane Project from Third to Millbrae Avenue-- Resolution FA-06-12.

By way of background, the Silicon Valley Leadership Group was founded in 1978 by David Packard of Hewlett-Packard. Today it represents more than 200 of the Silicon Valley's most respected employers. Our members collectively provide nearly 250,000 local jobs, or one of every four private sector jobs in Silicon Valley.

Reducing traffic congestion and improving safety on Hwy 101 is critical to our members and their employees. The segment of highway between San Francisco and Santa Clara counties is one of the most heavily traveled in the region. Auxiliary lanes have proven to be extremely effective in reducing traffic and accidents. This five-mile auxiliary lane project is the last link in a network of auxiliary lanes that Caltrans has built in San Mateo County between the Santa Clara County border and the San Francisco International Airport.

If the CTC approves Caltrans' request for additional funds, a contract for the project will be awarded in February, allowing this project to proceed expeditiously. We respectfully urge the CTC to approve Resolution FA-06-12 to authorize the supplemental funds needed to move this important project forward.

Sincerely,

Carl Guardino
President & CEO

cc: CTC Commissioners
John Barna, Executive Director, CTC
Will Kempton, Director, Caltrans