



**TONI ATKINS**

COUNCILMEMBER  
THIRD DISTRICT

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James C. Ghielmetti, Chair  
California Transportation Commission  
1120 N Street, Room 2221 (MS-52)  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Item #69, CTC Meeting of September 20, 2007  
Report on Pre-Strategy for Local Bridge Seismic Retrofit Bond Projects**

Dear Chair Ghielmetti and Commissioners of the California Transportation Commission:

Thank you for this opportunity for the Commission to review the Local Bridge Seismic Retrofit Bond program.

As the councilmember of a dense, older urban district, I support efforts to improve aging infrastructure in our neighborhoods. As part of item #69 on your September 20<sup>th</sup> agenda, you will be reviewing the Georgia Street Bridge retrofit project which located in my city council district. This historic bridge, built in 1914, sits on the border of the communities of North Park and Hillcrest in the City of San Diego.

The bridge remains one of my top infrastructure priorities. For over 15 years my constituents and I have worked to save this bridge. Your consideration of \$800,000 in bond funds for this project is an important step to move the project forward closer to construction. Last year the City Council accepted federal funds to commence an environmental study, however, beyond these dollars, additional funds need to be identified.

Again, I thank you for taking the time to review Local Bridge Seismic Retrofit Bond projects. I look forward to your favorable consideration and funding for the Georgia Street Bridge in the City of San Diego.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Toni Atkins".

TONI ATKINS  
Councilmember, Third District  
City of San Diego