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April 8, 2008

Mr. John Chalker, Chair  
California Transportation Commission  
1120 N Street  
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**Re: Support for San Benito Route 156 Improvement Project for Trade Corridors Improvement Funds**

Dear Mr. Chalker:

I am writing to support funding \$9.6 million in Trade Corridors Improvement Funds (TCIF) for the San Benito Route 156 Improvement Project.

State Route 156 is a major interregional route connecting the Central Coast with the Central Valley. The route accommodates regional and interregional traffic, including commercial and agricultural trucking, tourist travel, and local and commuter traffic. Construction of the San Benito Route 156 Improvement Project will result in smoother-flowing traffic and eliminate the bottleneck on the existing highway.

The project will generate significant economic benefits by facilitating the movement of high value export goods produced in the Salinas and San Juan Valleys to California and the nation. Truckers and commuters alike will benefit from increased safety and reduced travel times when the project is constructed.

The \$9.6 million in Trade Corridors Improvement Funds combined with \$28 million in proposed 2008 State Transportation Improvement Program funds and \$9.6 million in local developer fees would complete the funding needed to start construction of the project in July 2011.



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I appreciate your consideration and urge the California Transportation Commission to support this critical project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anna M. Caballero". The signature is written in black ink and includes a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

ANNA M. CABALLERO  
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cc: Lisa Rheinheimer, Executive Director, Council of San Benito County Governments  
Pat Loe, San Benito County Board of Supervisors, District 3