

April 6, 2010

Ms. Bimla Rhinehart
Executive Director
California Transportation Commission
1120 N Street, Room 2221 (MS-52)
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Design-Build Demonstration Application for the Express Lanes on I-10, from I-605 to Alameda Street, and I-110, from Adams Blvd to 182nd Street in Los Angeles County

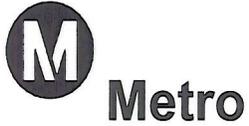
Dear Ms. Rhinehart:

The Express Lanes Demonstration Project reflects a more than two year partnership between the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) and Caltrans to convert existing High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes to High Occupancy Toll (HOT) lanes on portions of I-10 and I-110 in Los Angeles County to demonstrate the viability of congestion pricing as a strategy to relieve traffic on congested freeways and improve productivity of the HOV lanes. Caltrans and LACMTA are requesting that this project be approved by the California Transportation Commission as a Design-Build Project using one of the ten slots available to the State of California authorized in Government Code Section 6802 (b).

This Demonstration Project is one of six projects competitively selected by USDOT to develop innovative programs to reduce congestion through the implementation of value pricing. A unique element of this Project is the federal grant deadlines related to State Tolling Authority and Revenue Operations. If these requirements are not met, LACMTA and Caltrans are required to re-pay the \$210.6 million federal grant.

The majority of the Project scope is related to the toll collection system. Minor roadway improvements include re-striping and minor widening to create a second HOT lane on I-10 between I-605 and I-710; operational improvements on Adams Blvd at I-110; transition lanes on I-110; and additional signage throughout both corridors.

The Cooperative Agreement between LACMTA and Caltrans outlines the roles and responsibilities for this Project. Caltrans and Metro as partners have already preformed Project Development activities, prepared Performance Specifications, Preliminary Engineering and Pre-Bid activities. Metro will advertise and award the design-build contract, which includes the toll integration portion, on behalf of the partners. Caltrans and Metro are preparing the Project Report which is nearly complete. Caltrans, on behalf of the partners, is



preparing the Environmental Document, which is nearly complete and Caltrans will perform the construction inspection on the civil work on the State Highway system.

Caltrans has approved the Project for implementation on the State Highway.

Sincerely,

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Douglas R. Failing, P.E.
Executive Director, Highway Programs

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Randell Iwasaki, P.E.
Director, Caltrans

Cc: Mike Miles, Caltrans District 7 Director
Bruce Blanning, Professional Engineers in California Government