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Bimla G. Rhinehart, Executive Director
California Transportation Commission
Mail Station 52, Room 2231
1120 N Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support—State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Rail for the Emeryville Intermodal Transfer Station Parking project

Dear Ms. Rhinehart:

I am writing to express my strong support for the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Rail funding to be provided for the Emeryville Intermodal Transfer Station Parking project.

The proposed project would construct four bus bays and 125 public parking spaces within a covered parking structure located next to the Emeryville Amtrak station platforms. The project will also make bus transfers between Amtrak intercity trains, local buses and feeder bus services more convenient, as well as increase the number of parking spaces available for rail patrons. In addition, this project will improve the overall quality and reliability of train service along the Capitol and San Joaquin Corridors by enhancing ridership and revenues, not to mention encouraging more people to get out their cars and take public transportation, thereby getting us closer to AB 32 goals of reducing our carbon footprint.

Thank you for your consideration of funding the Emeryville Intermodal Transfer Station project. I truly appreciate the California Transportation Commission's consideration of this project which is vital to the sustainability of the City of Emeryville and the entire region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Loni Hancock".

LONI HANCOCK
Senator

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