State of California
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Business, Transportation and Housing Agency

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: June 11, 2013

Reference No.: 2.1a.(32)/2.6e.(2)
Action Item

From: NORMA ORTEGA
Chief Financial Officer

Prepared by: Rachel Falsetti
Division Chief
Transportation Programming

Subject: **TRAFFIC CONGESTION RELIEF PROGRAM – PROJECT AMENDMENT AND ALLOCATION AMENDMENT**
RESOLUTION TAA-12-11, AMENDING RESOLUTION TAA-10-14
RESOLUTION TFP-12-10 AMENDING RESOLUTION TFP-07-08

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) amend the Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP) Project 7.2 - Extend CalTrain to Gilroy; Platform modification & Gilroy storage tracks, add a new TCRP Project 7.3 - CalTrain Service Improvement Phase III; Connect Gilroy yard/station track to Union Pacific mainline track in Santa Clara County, and re-allocate some of the previously allocated funds from Project 7.2 to 7.3.

ISSUE:

The Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) is requesting to amend TCRP Project 7.2 – Extend CalTrain to Gilroy; Platform modification & Gilroy Storage Tracks to

- Revise the project funding plan by swapping $18,123,000 of TCRP funds with an equal amount of local Measure A funds.
- De-allocate $18,123,000 TCRP funds previously allocated to Construction.

Furthermore, the VTA and the Transportation Authority of Monterey County (TAMC) are also requesting to add a new TCRP Project 7.3 – CalTrain Service Improvement Phase III; Connect Gilroy yard/station track to Union Pacific mainline track and allocate $18,123,000 TCRP funds to PS&E ($890,000) and Construction ($17,233,000) for Project 7.3. TAMC will be the implementing agency for Project 7.3.

BACKGROUND:

Due to current uncertainties associated with the California High Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) plans for this region, the present scope of Project 7.2 has become less than certain. In the meantime, TAMC has working with the Capitol Corridor Joint Power Authority to extend the current Capitol service from Diridon Station in San Jose to Salinas. TAMC's preliminary work on this project shows that having train stops in Morgan Hill and Gilroy is key to the success of that service. The CalTrain service currently terminates at Gilroy and there is no direct rail connection to the station

platform for trains approaching from the south. Project 7.3, to be implemented by TAMC, will upgrade and improve the Gilroy Station area. This project will:

- Construct new service track from just west of US 101 to just east of the Gilroy train station.
- Construct new tail track just south of Gilroy station platform.
- Upgrade existing track from just west of US 101 to Corporal.
- Remove and replace existing crossover just west of US 101.
- Construct vehicle/pedestrian grade crossing improvements at Luchessa Avenue and 10th Street.
- Extend platform to 700 feet long

Once completed, these improvements will provide significant benefits for a future rail connection to Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz Counties.

Project 7.2 currently has $18,123,000 in allocated but not-expended TCRP funds which expire at the end of June, 2013. VTA believes that the best means to serve the overall intent of TCRP Project 7 at this time is to make these funds available for the improvements to the Gilroy Station area that TAMC has proposed. Once uncertainties relating to CHSRA plans for this region are resolved, VTA will use local Measure A funds to complete Project 7.2. Due to their restrictive nature, Measure A funds cannot be used for Project 7.3.

The changes described above are shown in the following tables.

REVISE: Extend CalTrain to Gilroy - Platform Modification & Gilroy Storage Tracks (TCRP 7.2)

County	District	TCRP #	EA	Element	Const. Year	PM Back	PM Ahead	Route/Corridor
Santa Clara	4	7.2		MT	2007-08			

Implementing Agency: (by component)	**PA&ED**	VTA	**PS&E**	VTA	
	R/W	VTA	**CON**	VTA	
RTPA/CTC:	Metropolitan Transportation Commission				
Project Title:	CalTrain; expand service to Gilroy - Platform modifications and Gilroy storage tracks				
Location	Along UPRR line in Santa Clara County.				
Description:	Construct platform modifications and Gilroy storage tracks				

(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

FUND	TOTAL	Project Totals by Fiscal Year						Project Totals by Component					
		Prior	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17	R/W	CON	PA&ED	PS&E	R/W Supp	CON Supp
TCRP (Committed)													
Existing	33,000	33,000							28,827		4,173		
Change	(18,123)	(18,123)							(18,123)		0		
Proposed	**14,877**	**14,877**							**10,704**		4,173		
Local Funds													
Existing	2,000	2,000							2,000				
Change	18,123	18,123							18,123				
Proposed	**20,123**	**20,123**							**20,123**				
Total													
Existing	35,000	35,000							30,827		4,173		
Change	0	0							0		0		
Proposed	35,000	35,000							30,827		4,173		

ADD: CalTrain Service Improvement Phase III - Connect Gilroy yard/station track to Union Pacific mainline track (TCRP 7.3)

County	District	TCRP #	EA	Element	Const. Year	PM Back	PM Ahead	Route/Corridor
Santa Clara	4	7.3		MT	2014-15			

Implementing Agency: (by component)	**PA&ED**	-	**PS&E**	TAMC	
	R/W	-	**CON**	TAMC	
RTPA/CTC:	Metropolitan Transportation Commission				
Project Title:	CalTrain; Caltrain Service Improvement Project Phase III				
Location	Along UPRR line in Santa Clara County.				
Description:	Connect Gilroy yard/station track to Union Pacific mainline track				

(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

FUND	TOTAL	Project Totals by Fiscal Year						Project Totals by Component					
		Prior	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17	R/W	CON	PA&ED	PS&E	R/W Supp	CON Supp
TCRP (Committed)													
Existing	0	0			0				0		0		
Change	18,123	890			17,233				17,233		890		
Proposed	**18,123**	**890**			**17,233**				**17,233**		**890**		
Local Funds													
Existing	0	0									0		
Change	112	112									112		
Proposed	**112**	**112**									**112**		
Total													
Existing	0	0			0						0		
Change	18,235	1,002			17,233				17,233		1,002		
Proposed	**18,235**	**1,002**			**17,233**				**17,233**		**1,002**		

RESOLUTION TAA-12-11
RESOLUTION TFP-12-10

Resolved, with all conditions stipulated still in effect, the California Transportation Commission (Commission) hereby revises Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP) Project 7.2 and adds TCRP 7.3 to reflect the changes described above; and

Be it further Resolved, that the Commission hereby approves a corresponding allocation amendment transferring previously allocated funds in accordance with the attached vote boxes; and

Be it further Resolved, that the project(s), as component phases or in their entirety, appear under Government Code Section 14556.40(a) and are entitled to participate in this allocation. Reimbursement of eligible costs is subject to the policies, restrictions and assurances as set forth in the Commission's policy for allocating, monitoring, and auditing TCRP projects, and is governed by the terms and conditions of the Fund Transfer Agreement, Program Supplement or Cooperative Agreement, and subsequent amendments to the same if required, as executed between the Implementing Agency and the Department.

Attachment

2.6 Mass Transportation Financial Matters

Project # Allocation Amount Implementing Agency District-County	BREF # and Project Description Description of Allocation	Item # Fund Type	Amount by Fund Type
2.6e.(2) Traffic Congestion Relief Program Application/Allocation Amendment			**Resolution TFP-12-10** Amending Resolution TFP-07-08 **Resolution TAA-12-11** Amending Resolution TAA-10-14
1 ~~$28,757,000~~ **$10,634,000** Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority 04 – Santa Clara	**Project #7.2 – Caltrain; expand to Gilroy – Caltrain Improvement Project** Amend TFP-07-08 to decrease allocation to Construction by $18,123,000, **Phase / Original Amount / Adjustment / Amended Amount** **Construction $28,757,000 ($18,123,000) $10,634,000** Output/Outcome: Expand Caltrain service from San Jose to Gilroy.	Chapter 91 of the Statutes of 2000 889-3007 TCRF	~~$28,757,000~~ **$10,634,000**
2 $18,123,000 Transportation Agency for Monterey County 04 – Santa Clara	**Project #7.3– Caltrain Service Improvement Project - Phase III** This allocation provides $18,123,000 in new TCRP funding for PS&E ($890,000) and Construction ($17,233,000). Output/Outcome: Construct physical improvements within the existing right-of-way to support increase in commuter rail service between San Jose and Gilroy including new track work to connect the Gilroy Yard/Station track to the Union Pacific track.	Chapter 91 of the Statutes of 2000 889-3007 TCRF	$18,123,000

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May 24, 2013

Mr. James C. Ghielmetti, Chair
California Transportation Commission
1120 N Street, Room 2233 (MS-52)
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: Support for Rail Extension to Monterey County Project

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing to express my strong support for the Rail Extension to Monterey County Project.

The Rail Extension to Monterey County service will provide transportation alternatives for those traveling from Salinas to the Silicon Valley, San Francisco Bay Area, and as far north as Sacramento. The rail corridor between Gilroy and Salinas is located in my congressional district, and this project will make a significant difference in the lives of my constituents by increasing regional and interregional transportation alternatives for the heavily congested corridors between San Jose and Monterey County. Extension of Capitol Corridor rail service from San Jose to Salinas will initially add two daily round trip trains, eventually expanding to six daily round trip trains, with a schedule oriented to the daily business commuter.

Fast, convenient, reliable, safe, and cost-effective public transportation is important to the economy, air quality, congestion mitigation, and overall mobility of the region.

I enthusiastically endorse this important alternative transportation project and ask that you approve the project's funding requests at the June 11, 2013 CTC meeting. Thank you for your consideration of this project.

Sincerely,

Sam Farr
Member of Congress

CC: Debra Hale, Executive Director, Transportation Agency for Monterey County

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May 17, 2013

James C. Ghilemetti, Chair
California Transportation Commission
1120 N Street, Room 2233 (MS-52)
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: Support for Rail Extension to Monterey County Project

Dear Chair Ghilemetti:

I would like to express support for the Rail Extension to Monterey County Project. The extension of Capitol Corridor rail service from San Jose to Salinas will initially add two daily round trip commute hour trains, eventually expanding to six daily trains. As a member of the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee, I understand the importance of convenient, reliable and cost effective public transportation. This project can play a role in strengthening the California economy and improving overall mobility in Monterey County.

This project will make a significant difference in the lives of my constituents in Monterey County by providing new transportation options for those traveling from Salinas to the Silicon Valley, San Francisco Bay Area and as far north as Sacramento. I strongly support shifting the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority Traffic Congestion Relief Program funding to Gilroy track improvements for this important regional rail project. I also support the request to allow a portion of allocated Proposition 116 funds to be used for planning activities and staff time costs, and to update the project schedule to a 2018 start of operations.

Thank you very much for your consideration. I respectfully ask that you approve the project's requests at the June 2013 CTC meeting.

Sincerely,

Anthony Cannella
Senator, 12th District

cc: Debra Hale, Executive Director, Transportation Agency for Monterey County

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FIFTEENTH SENATE DISTRICT

May 28, 2013 Commission meeting: June 11, 2013

James C. Ghilemetti, Chair
California Transportation Commission
1120 N Street, Room 2233 (MS-52)
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: Support for Rail Extension to Monterey County Project

Dear Chair Ghilemetti:

I am writing to express support for the Rail Extension to Monterey County Project. The extension of Capitol Corridor rail service from San Jose to Gilroy and Salinas will initially add two daily round trip commute hour trains, eventually expanding to six daily trains.

As the State Senator representing 950,000 residents in Santa Clara County, this project will provide a new transportation option for residents traveling to Salinas for recreation, or for employees or students who live in Monterey County and travel to the Silicon Valley for work or school, supporting the regional economy.

With your approval of the project's requests at the June CTC meeting, the Transportation Agency for Monterey County will be just $5 million short of the capital funds needed to initiate the "kick-start" project to bring two daily round trip trains from Salinas and Gilroy to San Jose, continuing on to Sacramento. The Capitol trains will be extensions of the two new trains that are coming to San Jose, a separate project that I also support. Thank you for your consideration of the project's requests, and I urge for your support of this important alternative transportation project.

Sincerely,

Jim Beall

Jim Beall
State Senator
15th Senate District

cc: Debra Hale, Executive Director, Transportation Agency for Monterey County

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May 16, 2013

James C. Ghilemetti, Chair
California Transportation Commission
1120 N Street, Room 2233 (MS-52)
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: Support for Rail Extension to Monterey County Project

Dear Chair Ghilemetti:

I am writing on behalf of the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority (CCJPA) to submit our support for the Rail Extension to Monterey County Project. The extension of Capitol Corridor trains from San Jose to Salinas will initially add two daily round trip trains, eventually expanding to six daily round trip trains, with a schedule oriented to the frequent work-based traveler as well as student and leisure/tourism travel markets.

As part of their efforts to provide a transportation alternative for its residents traveling to the Silicon Valley and beyond, the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) has been evaluating the extension of Capitol Corridor service from San Jose to Salinas. The CCJPA is heavily engaged in working with Northern California passenger rail providers on the future service plans for the Capitol Corridor and are incorporating TAMC's Salinas extension service planning efforts into the comprehensive service expansion initiatives.

Pursuant to the Principles of Agreement recently adopted by the CCJPA and TAMC, the parties are working collaboratively to secure capital funding for this project.

To that end, the CCJPA supports the proposal to shift the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority Traffic Congestion Relief Program funding to Gilroy track improvements for this interregional rail project. The CCJPA also supports the request from TAMC to allow a portion of allocated Proposition 116 funds to be used for planning activities and staff time costs, and to update the project schedule to a 2018 start of operations.

The CCJPA respectfully requests that the California Transportation Commission approve the allocation requests for the Salinas/Monterey train extension project at the June 2013 CTC meeting.

Thank you for your consideration of this project.

Sincerely,

David B. Kutrosky
Managing Director

cc: CCJPA Board Directors
Bill Bronte, Chief, Division of Rail
Debra Hale, Executive Director, Transportation Agency for Monterey County

SANTA CLARA
Valley Transportation Authority

May 14, 2013 Commission meeting: June 11, 2013

James C. Ghielmetti, Chair
California Transportation Commission
1120 N Street, Room 2233 (MS-52)
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: Support for Rail Extension to Monterey County Project

Dear Chair Ghielmetti:

I am writing on behalf of the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) to express support for the Rail Extension to Monterey County Project. The extension of Capitol Corridor rail service from San Jose to Salinas is planned to add two daily round trip commute hour trains, eventually expanding to six daily trains.

On May 2, 2013, the VTA Board of Directors unanimously approved requesting the transfer of $18 million in Traffic Congestion Relief Program funding from Caltrain South County Improvements to Gilroy track and capacity improvements for this regional rail project. VTA also supports the request from the Transportation Agency for Monterey County to allow a portion of allocated Proposition 116 rail bond funds to be used for planning activities and staff time costs, and to update the project schedule to a 2018 start of operations.

The Capitol Corridor extension to Salinas will provide a new option for commuters traveling from Monterey County and South Santa Clara County to Silicon Valley, the San Francisco Bay Area and as far north as Sacramento. Expanding passenger rail service to Monterey County will assist in our mutual goal to increase regional and interregional transportation alternatives.

VTA supports this sought after alternative transportation project and asks that you approve the project's requests at the June California Transportation Commission meeting. Thank you for your consideration of this project.

Sincerely,

Michael T. Burns
General Manager

cc: Debra Hale, Executive Director, Transportation Agency for Monterey County

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May 21, 2013
For June 11, 2013 Commission Meeting

James C. Ghielmetti, Chair
California Transportation Commission
1120 N Street, Room 2233 (MS-52)
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: Support for Rail Extension to Monterey County Project

Dear Chair Ghielmetti:

The Silicon Valley Leadership Group writes to express support for the Rail Extension to Monterey County Project. The extension of Capitol Corridor service from San Jose to Salinas will initially add two daily round trip commute hour trains, eventually expanding to six daily trains.

The Silicon Valley Leadership Group, founded in 1978 by David Packard of Hewlett-Packard, represents more than 375 of Silicon Valley's most respected employers on issues, programs and campaigns that affect the economic health and quality of life in Silicon Valley, including energy, transportation, education, housing, health care, tax policies, economic vitality and the environment. Leadership Group members collectively provide nearly one of every three private sector jobs in Silicon Valley and have more than $3 trillion in annual revenue.

The Leadership Group and its Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) advocate for Silicon Valley's long-term economic health and quality of life by increasing the ease in which Silicon Valley employees, residents, and cargo move through and within the Valley and minimizes the impact of that travel on the environment. The extension of Capitol Corridor service to Salinas will provide a new option for commuters traveling from Monterey County and South Santa Clara County to Silicon Valley, San Francisco Bay Area and as far north as Sacramento in line with the goals of the TPC.

On May 1, 2013, the TPC unanimously voted in support of the project to extend Capitol Corridor service from San Jose to Salinas. The TPC supports the request to shift Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority Traffic Congestion Relief Program funding to Gilroy track improvements for this regional rail project. The TPC also supports the request from the Transportation Agency for Monterey County to allow a portion of allocated Proposition 116 rail bond funds to be used for planning activities and staff time costs, and to update the project schedule to a 2018 start of operations.

The Silicon Valley Leadership Group supports this important alternative transportation project and respectfully asks that you approve the project's requests at the June CTC meeting. Thank you for your consideration of this project.

Sincerely,

Jessica Zenk
Senior Director, Transportation Policy

cc: Members of the CTC; Debra Hale, Executive Director, Transportation Agency for Monterey County

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May 24, 2013

Commission meeting: June 11, 2013

James C. Ghielmetti, Chair
California Transportation Commission
1120 N Street, Room 2233 (MS-52)
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: Support for Rail Extension to Monterey County Project

Dear Chair Ghielmetti:

I am writing on behalf of the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (SCCRTC) to express support for the Rail Extension to Monterey County Project. The extension of Capitols service from San Jose to Salinas will initially add two daily round trip commute hour trains, eventually expanding to six daily trains.

The SCCRTC supports the request from the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) to shift Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRF) funding to Gilroy track improvements for this regional rail project. The SCCRTC also supports the request from the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) for allocation of Proposition 116 funds for planning and other activities associated with the Rail Extension to Monterey County Project.

The Capitols extension to Salinas will provide a new option for commuters traveling from Monterey County, Santa Cruz County and South Santa Clara County to Silicon Valley, the San Francisco Bay Area and as far north as Sacramento. The project includes a new station at Pajaro, where potential future service on the Santa Cruz Branch Rail Line, recently acquired by SCCRTC, could connect with the extended Capitols service.

The SCCRTC supports this important alternative transportation project and asks that you approve the VTA and TAMC requests for this project at the June CTC meeting. Thank you for your consideration of this project.

Sincerely,

Luis Mendez for
George Dondero
Executive Director

cc: Debra Hale, Executive Director, Transportation Agency for Monterey County

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May 15, 2013

James C. Ghilemetti, Chair
California Transportation Commission
1120 N Street, Room 2233 (MS-52)
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: **Support for Rail Extension to Monterey County Project**
Commission meeting: June 11, 2013

Dear Chair Ghilemetti:

I am writing on behalf of the Monterey-Salinas Transit District (MST) to express support for the Rail Extension to Monterey County Project. The extension of the Capitol Corridor inter-city rail service from San Jose to Salinas will initially add two daily round-trip commute-hour trains, eventually expanding to six daily trains. MST has been coordinating with the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) on this project and will continue to work to ensure the project is integrated into the regional transit network with bus connections at Monterey County stations.

MST supports TAMC's request to shift Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority Traffic Congestion Relief Program funding to Gilroy track improvements for this regional rail project. And, MST would also support TAMC's request to allow a portion of allocated Proposition 116 rail bond funds to be used for planning activities and staff time costs (if permitted under current CTC program regulations) and to update their rail project schedule to a 2018 start of operations.

The Capitol's extension to Salinas would provide a new option for commuters traveling from Monterey County, Santa Cruz County, and South Santa Clara County to the Silicon Valley, San Francisco Bay Area, and as far north as Sacramento.

MST supports this important rail project and asks that you approve the project's requests at the June CTC meeting. Thank you for your consideration of this project.

Sincerely,

Carl Sedoryk
General Manager

cc: Debra Hale, Executive Director, TAMC
Christina Watson, Principal Transportation Planner, TAMC

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May 15, 2013 Commission meeting: June 11, 2013

Mr. James C. Ghielmetti, Chair
California Transportation Commission
1120 N Street, Room 2233 (MS-52)
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: Support for Rail Extension to Monterey County Project

Dear Chair Ghielmetti:

I am writing on behalf of the Monterey County Board of Supervisors to express support for the Rail Extension to Monterey County Project. The extension of Capitol Corridor rail service from San Jose to Salinas will initially add two daily round trip trains, eventually expanding to six daily trains, with a schedule oriented to the frequent work-based traveler.

Initiating rail service in Monterey County will assist the Transportation Agency for Monterey County in meeting its goal to increase regional and interregional transportation alternatives for the heavily congested corridors between San Jose and Monterey County. Fast, convenient, reliable, safe, and cost-effective public transportation is important to the economy, air quality, congestion mitigation, and overall mobility. The Rail Extension to Monterey County service will provide transportation alternatives for those traveling from Monterey County to the Silicon Valley, San Francisco Bay Area and as far north as Sacramento.

Monterey County supports this important alternative transportation project and requests your approval of the project's funding requests at the June 2013 CTC meeting. Thank you for your consideration of this project.

Sincerely,

Fernando Armenta
Chair, Board of Supervisors

Cc: Debra Hale, Executive Director, Transportation Agency for Monterey County
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May 21, 2013 Commission meeting: June 11, 2013

Mr. James C. Ghielmetti, Chair
California Transportation Commission
1120 N Street, Room 2233 (MS-52)
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: Support for Rail Extension to Monterey County Project

Dear Chair Ghielmetti:

I am writing on behalf of the City of Salinas to express support for the Rail Extension to Monterey County Project. The extension of Capitol Corridor rail service from San Jose to Salinas will initially add two daily round trip trains, eventually expanding to six daily trains, with a schedule oriented to the frequent work-based traveler.

The extension of Capitol's service to Salinas is an important addition to the transportation options for residents. Initiating rail service in Monterey County will assist the Transportation Agency for Monterey County in meeting its goal to increase regional and interregional transportation alternatives for the heavily congested corridors between San Jose and Monterey County. Fast, convenient, reliable, safe, and cost-effective public transportation is important to the economy, air quality, congestion mitigation, and overall mobility.

The Rail Extension to Monterey County service will provide transportation alternatives for those traveling from Salinas to the Silicon Valley, San Francisco Bay Area and as far north as Sacramento. This project will support the economic vitality of the City of Salinas, a city of 153,000 residents and one experiencing among the highest unemployment levels in the State. The project is a high priority transportation project for the City of Salinas.

The City of Salinas supports this important alternative transportation project and asks that you approve the project's funding requests at the June 2013 CTC meeting. Thank you for your consideration of this project.

Sincerely,

Joe Gunter
Mayor

cc: Salinas City Council
Salinas City Manager
John E. Arriaga, JEA & Associates
Debra Hale, Executive Director, Transportation Agency for Monterey County

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CITY OF WATSONVILLE

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May 14, 2013

Commission meeting: June 11, 2013

Mr. James C. Ghielmetti, Chair
California Transportation Commission
1120 N Street, Room 2233 (MS-52)
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: Support for Rail Extension to Monterey County Project

Dear Chair Ghielmetti:

The City of Watsonville would like to extend its support for the Rail Extension to Monterey County Project. The extension of Capitol Corridor rail service from San Jose to Salinas will initially add two daily round trip trains, eventually expanding to six daily trains, with a schedule oriented to the frequent work-based traveler.

Initiating rail service in Monterey County will assist the Transportation Agency for Monterey County in meeting its goal to increase regional and interregional transportation alternatives for the heavily congested corridors between San Jose and Monterey County. Fast, convenient, reliable, safe, and cost-effective public transportation is important to the economy, air quality, congestion mitigation, and overall mobility.

The Rail Extension to Monterey County service will provide transportation alternatives for those traveling from Monterey County and southern Santa Cruz County to the Silicon Valley, San Francisco Bay Area and as far north as Sacramento. This project will support the economic vitality of the City of Watsonville, a city of 51,000 residents and one experiencing among the highest unemployment levels in the state.

The City of Watsonville supports this important alternative transportation project and asks that you approve the project's funding requests at the June 2013 CTC meeting. Thank you for your consideration of this project.

Sincerely,

Lowell Hurst
Mayor
City of Watsonville

Copy: Debra Hale, Executive Director, Transportation Agency for Monterey County

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May 22, 2013

Commission meeting: June 11, 2013

Mr. James C. Ghielmetti, Chair
California Transportation Commission
1120 N Street, Room 2233 (MS-52)
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: Support for Rail Extension to Monterey County Project

Dear Chair Ghielmetti:

I am writing on behalf of the City of Marina to express support for the Rail Extension to Monterey County Project. The extension of Capitol Corridor rail service from San Jose to Salinas will initially add two daily round trip trains, eventually expanding to six daily trains, with a schedule oriented to the frequent work-based traveler.

Initiating rail service in Monterey County will assist the Transportation Agency for Monterey County in meeting its goal to increase regional and interregional transportation alternatives for the heavily congested corridors between San Jose and Monterey County. Fast, convenient, reliable, safe, and cost-effective public transportation is important to the economy, air quality, congestion mitigation, and overall mobility. The Rail Extension to Monterey County service will provide transportation alternatives for those traveling from Monterey County to the Silicon Valley, San Francisco Bay Area and as far north as Sacramento.

The City of Marina supports this important alternative transportation project and asks that you approve the project's funding requests at the June 2013 CTC meeting. Thank you for your consideration of this project.

Sincerely,

Bruce Delgado
Mayor
City of Marina

Copy: Debra Hale, Executive Director, Transportation Agency for Monterey County

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May 29, 2013

James C. Ghilemetti, Chair
California Transportation Commission
1120 N Street, Room 2233 (MS-52)
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support for Rail Extension to Monterey County Project

Dear Chairman Ghilemetti:

I am writing in support of the Rail Extension to Monterey County Project submitted by Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC). The extension of Capitol Corridor rail service from San Jose to Salinas will initially add two daily round-trip commute hour trains, eventually expanding to six daily trains. The project would also encourage transit oriented developments around the stations in Pajaro/Watsonville (primarily serving Santa Cruz County), Castroville and Salinas, serving my constituents in both Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties.

Initiating rail service in Monterey County will assist TAMC in meeting its goal of developing additional alternatives for regional and interregional transportation. The rail service will also connect to the planned Monterey Branch Line project, providing public transit options to and from the Monterey Peninsula and beyond, enhancing overall regional mobility.

Convenient, reliable and cost-effective public transportation is important for economic growth, air quality management and congestion mitigation efforts. I support shifting the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority Traffic Congestion Relief Program funding to Gilroy track improvements for this regional rail project. I also support the request from TAMC to allow a portion of allocated Proposition 116 funds to be used for planning activities and staff time costs, and to update the project schedule to a 2018 start of operations.

Thank you for your consideration of this project. I respectfully ask that you approve the project's requests at the June CTC meeting. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Mark Stone
Assembly Member
29th Assembly District

cc: Debra Hale, Executive Director, Transportation Agency for Monterey County

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May 28, 2013

James C. Ghilemetti, Chair
California Transportation Commission
1120 N Street, Room 2233 (MS-52)
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for Rail Extension to Monterey County Project

Dear Chair Ghilemetti:

As the Assemblymember representing the Monterey County Coast and South Santa Clara County, I am writing to express my strong support for the Transportation Agency for Monterey County's rail extension project. The extension of Capitol Corridor rail service from San Jose to Salinas will assist the Agency's goal of increasing regional and interregional connectivity. This will provide transportation mobility for Monterey and Santa Clara County residents to access jobs, health care, and education in the Silicon Valley.

As fuel prices soar, commuters are seeking options to avoid driving alone. Shifting the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority Traffic Congestion Relief Program funding to Gilroy track improvements is important in increasing rail and freight capacity along this corridor. I am also supportive of the Transportation Agency's request to allow a portion of allocated Proposition 116 funds to be used for planning activities and staff time costs, and to update the project schedule to a 2018 start of operations.

I strongly support this important alternative transportation project and ask that you approve the project's requests at the June CTC meeting. Thank you for your consideration. If you have questions, you may reach me at (831) 759-8676 or via email at Assemblymember.Alejo@asm.ca.gov

Sincerely,

Luis A. Alejo
Assemblymember
30th District

cc: Debra Hale, Executive Director, Transportation Agency for Monterey County

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California Transportation Commission
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SUBJECT: Support for Rail Extension to Monterey County Project

Dear Chair Ghilemetti:

We are writing on behalf of the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) to express support for the Rail Extension to Monterey County Project. The extension of Capitol service from San Jose to Salinas will initially add two daily round trip commute hour trains, eventually expanding to six daily trains.

As the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the three-county Monterey Bay Area, AMBAG is responsible for developing the Sustainable Communities Strategy for the regional plan. Alternative transportation projects such as the extension of Capitol Corridor trains to Salinas are key to reducing the region's carbon footprint and meeting the requirements set forth in state law via Assembly Bill 32 and Senate Bill 375 related to climate change and greenhouse gas emissions reductions.

AMBAG supports the request to shift Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority Traffic Congestion Relief Program funding to Gilroy track improvements for this regional rail project. AMBAG also supports the request from the Transportation Agency for Monterey County to allow a portion of allocated Proposition 116 rail bond funds to be used for planning activities and staff time costs, and to update the project schedule to a 2018 start of operations.

AMBAG supports this important regional alternative transportation project and asks that you approve the project requests at the June CTC meeting. Thank you for your consideration of this project.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Talmage
President

Maura F. Twomey
Executive Director

cc: Debra Hale, Executive Director, Transportation Agency for Monterey County

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May 31, 2013

James C. Ghilemetti, Chair
California Transportation Commission
1120 N Street, Room 2233 (MS-52)
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Chair Ghilemetti:

This letter is to express my support for the transfer of $18 million from the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority to the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC).

The Rail Extension of Capitol Corridor service from San Jose to Salinas will initially add two round trip daily commute trains and, soon thereafter, six trains daily. The transfer of funds between the Santa Clara Transportation Authority and TAMC will fund track improvements, as well as facilitate the Rail Extension for the Monterey County Project. Additionally, TAMC has submitted a request to the California Transportation Commission that would allow the agency to allocate a portion of its Proposition 116 funds to the planning and staff costs associated with the Capitol Corridor Extension, as well as to update the start of operations to 2018 in the project schedule.

The Rail Extension of Capitol Corridor service to Monterey County will provide a needed source of alternative transportation in this large geographical region, and I urge your support for the request to transfer funds between the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority and the Transportation Agency for Monterey County.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM W. MONNING
Senator, 17th District

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