

STAFF REPORT



MEETING DATE: April 28, 2020
SUBJECT: Correspondence
AGENDA ITEM: 5-4
STAFF CONTACT: Amy Lindsey, Administrative Associate

Attached and summarized below is correspondence determined to be of interest to the board of directors.

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

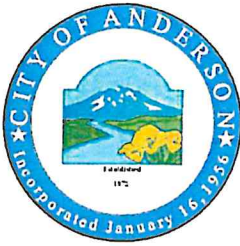
Date	From	Subject
2/18/20	• Melissa Hunt, city of Anderson, Mayor • Alfred Cathey, county of Shasta, Department of Public Works, Deputy Director – Engineering • Chuck Aukland, city of Redding, Department of Public Works, Director • John Duckett, city of Shasta Lake, City Manager • Mary Machado, Shasta Voices, Executive Director	Letters of support for INFRA Funding for the Interstate 5 Fix 5 Cascade Gateway Project

OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

Date	To	Subject
11/6/19	David S. Kim, California State Transportation Agency, Secretary	Letter of support for Intercity Rail Capital Program Grant Application for the Sacramento Valley Station Phase 3 Bus-Mobility Center and Transit Coordination Improvements

Daniel S. Little, AICP, Executive Director

Attachment: SRTA Correspondence Letters



February 18, 2020

Daniel S. Little, Executive Director
Shasta Regional Transportation Agency
1255 East Street, Suite 202
Redding, CA 96001

RE: Recommend INFRA Funding for the Interstate 5 Fix 5 Cascade Gateway Project

Dear Mr. Little:

The City of Anderson is pleased to support the Fix 5 Cascade Gateway Project application for funding under the 2020 Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) program. The project will improve freight and regional mobility along Interstate 5 (I-5) for ten miles north of State Route 44 and the city of Redding. The project will help address all too frequent snow, collision and wildfire closures in this strategic freight corridor by adding auxiliary lanes, updating a fixed median barrier with a moveable one to create flex lanes, and incorporating Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) and hydrogen fueling infrastructure. These proposed improvements are focused on corridor management for which a north-south safe and feasible detour alternative does not exist.

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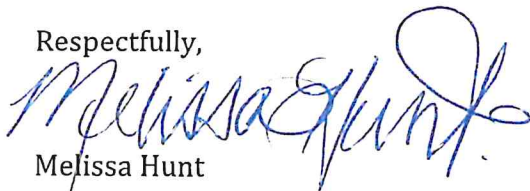
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The proposed project would be the third and final to the improve the I-5 corridor within the urban areas of Shasta County. This would work in alignment with the City's goals of safety while also incentivizing more growth within the City's opportunity zones. This project would reduce "bottle-necking" along the on-ramps and create a more efficient and pleasant driving experience for all citizens.

Respectfully,



Melissa Hunt
Mayor, City of Anderson
1887 Howard Street
Anderson, California 9607
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February 19, 2020

Daniel S. Little, Executive Director
Shasta Regional Transportation Agency
1255 East Street, Suite 202
Redding, CA 96001

Subject: Recommend INFRA Funding for the Interstate 5 Fix 5 Cascade Gateway Project

Dear Mr. Little:

The Shasta County Department of Public Works is pleased to support the Fix 5 Cascade Gateway Project application for funding under the 2020 Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) program. The project will improve freight and regional mobility along Interstate 5 (I-5) for ten miles north of State Route 44 and the city of Redding. The project will help address all too frequent snow, collision and wildfire closures in this strategic freight corridor by adding auxiliary lanes, updating a fixed median barrier with a moveable one to create flex lanes, and incorporating Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) and hydrogen fueling infrastructure. These proposed improvements are focused on corridor management for which a north-south safe and feasible detour alternative does not exist.

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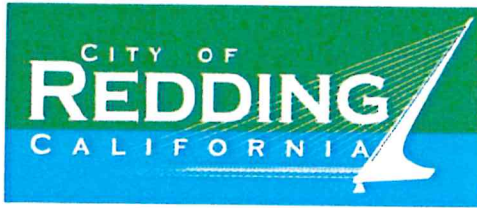
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Sincerely,

Patrick J. Minturn, Director

By 
Alfred V. Cathey
Deputy Director – Engineering

AVC/ldr
Sent via Email



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February 25, 2020

Daniel S. Little, Executive Director
Shasta Regional Transportation Agency
1255 East Street, Suite 202
Redding, CA 96001

Subject: Recommend INFRA Funding for the Interstate 5 Fix 5 Cascade Gateway Project

Dear Mr. Little:

The City of Redding is pleased to support the Fix 5 Cascade Gateway Project application for funding under the 2020 Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) program. The project will improve freight and regional mobility along Interstate 5 (I-5) for ten miles north of State Route 44 and the city of Redding. The project will help address all too frequent snow, collision and wildfire closures in this strategic freight corridor by adding auxiliary lanes, updating a fixed median barrier with a moveable one to create flex lanes, and incorporating Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) and hydrogen fueling infrastructure. These proposed improvements are focused on corridor management for which a north-south safe and feasible detour alternative does not exist.

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The proposed project aligns well with the City's General Plan Transportation Element regarding development in the City's northeast quadrant and will be a welcome addition to the community. Thank you for your consideration in this beneficial Northstate project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "CA", is written over a horizontal line.

Chuck Aukland, P.E.
Director of Public Works

February 24, 2020

Daniel S. Little, Executive Director
Shasta Regional Transportation Agency
1255 East Street, Suite 202
Redding, CA 96001

Subject: Recommend INFRA Funding for the Interstate 5 Fix 5 Cascade Gateway Project

Dear Mr. Little:

The City of Shasta Lake is pleased to support the Fix 5 Cascade Gateway Project application for funding under the 2020 Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) program. The project will improve freight and regional mobility along Interstate 5 (I-5) for ten miles north of State Route 44 and the city of Redding. The project will help address all too frequent snow, collision and wildfire closures in this strategic freight corridor by adding auxiliary lanes, updating a fixed median barrier with a moveable one to create flex lanes, and incorporating Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) and hydrogen fueling infrastructure. These proposed improvements are focused on corridor management for which a north-south safe and feasible detour alternative does not exist.

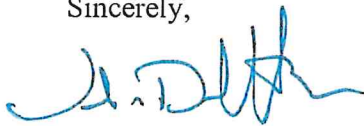
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With every snowstorm that shuts down I-5, the City of Shasta Lake directly experiences the impacts of these closures and the safety issues to our residents trying to get to their homes. With very little truck parking within the City, we believe this project would benefit our area by keeping the lanes open for both normal day-to-day traffic/commerce as well as open for emergency vehicle response if needed.

Sincerely,



John N. Duckett, Jr.
City Manager



February 20, 2020

Daniel S. Little, Executive Director
Shasta Regional Transportation Agency
1255 East Street, Suite 202
Redding, CA 96001

Subject: Recommend INFRA Funding for the Interstate 5 Fix 5 Cascade Gateway Project

Dear Mr. Little:

Our organization, Shasta VOICES, is a strong private-sector business group with 1,300 members and supporters who live and work in the Shasta County area, advocating for a stable and sustainable economic future in our community. We are pleased to support the Fix 5 Cascade Gateway Project application for funding under the 2020 Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) program.

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This project would create a long-term, significant benefit to our community and those who travel through it on Interstate 5. There is support for this project locally by construction, real estate, business, and those who live and work in the community.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if Shasta VOICES can assist you in any way as you move this project forward. Thank you for your efforts.

Sincerely,

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On Behalf of the Board of Directors
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Daniel S. Little, Executive Director

November 6, 2019

Mr. David S. Kim
Secretary of the California State Transportation Agency 915
Capitol Mall Suite 350 B
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Support for Intercity Rail Capital Program Grant Application for the Sacramento Valley Station Phase 3 Bus-Mobility Center and Transit Coordination Improvements

Dear Secretary Kim:

On behalf of the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency (SRTA), I am writing to extend our support for the City of Sacramento and Sacramento Regional Transit's Sacramento Valley Station Phase 3 Bus-Mobility Center and Transit Coordination Improvements application for the Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) grant program.

The City of Sacramento and Sacramento Regional Transit are working in partnership with the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority (CCJPA) to design and construct the Sacramento Valley Station Phase 3 Improvements and Transit Coordination Improvements. This investment in the Sacramento Valley Station will consolidate multiple transit operators to create efficiencies throughout the transit and rail network regionally. These efficiencies will support the Sacramento Region's climate goals by offering a more convenient and efficient transit service to the Downtown core.

Given the scope of this intermodal hub project, SRTA lends its support for this FY 2020 TIRCP funding request. SRTA plans to use the improved Sacramento Valley Station to charge and/or fuel SRTA's planned zero-emission intercity bus service that will travel the I-5 corridor between Redding and Sacramento. In addition, the Sacramento Valley Station is one of the planned stops of the service, so improved infrastructure will greatly benefit both service operations and riders of the service. SRTA appreciates the City of Sacramento and Sacramento Regional Transit's efforts to improve the transit system in northern California.

We request the California State Transportation Agency to approve the CCJPA TIRCP grant request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dan Little". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Daniel S. Little, AICP, Executive Director

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