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April 7, 2016

Mr. Anthony Foxx, Secretary
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Re: FASTLANE Grant -Interstate 5 Redding to Anderson Six-Lane Project (I-5 RASL)

Dear Secretary Foxx:

I am writing in support of the City of Anderson's application to USDOT's FASTLANE (Fostering Advancements in Shipping and Transportation for the Long-term Achievement of National Efficiencies) program for the widening of Interstate 5 (I-5) and the replacement of the Anderson Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) overcrossing. The city, joined by the other local jurisdictions in Shasta County, has worked for years with the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency (SRTA) and Caltrans District 2 to advance six-laning I-5 to meet expected freight and goods movement growth, as well as access to regional employment and educational opportunities. In addition, the current overcrossing does not meet vertical and horizontal clearance standards needed for safe operations and expansion of the UPRR I-5 Corridor Line—a critical corridor for west coast goods movement and Amtrak passenger service.

This project is needed to increase safety and to provide the area opportunity to attract businesses and enhance economic development in a region with disproportionately high unemployment rates. I appreciate your fair consideration of this request as this would bring much needed beneficial long-term outcomes for our region.

If you need additional information or assistance please contact my District Director, Lisa Mara, at 530-878-5035.

Sincerely,



DOUG LAMALFA

Member of Congress

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April 6, 2016

Mr. Anthony Foxx, Secretary
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Re: Interstate 5 Redding to Anderson Six-Lane Project:

Dear Secretary Foxx:

I write to express my strong support for the City of Anderson's application to the U.S. Department of Transportation's FASTLANE program to widen Interstate 5 and replace the Union Pacific Railroad overcrossing. The city, joined by the other local jurisdictions in Shasta County, has worked for years with the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency and Caltrans District 2 to expand I-5 to six lanes to meet expected freight growth, as well as access to regional employment and educational opportunities. In addition, the current overcrossing does not meet vertical and horizontal clearance standards needed for safe operations and expansion of the Union Pacific's I-5 Corridor Line — a critical corridor for West Coast goods movement and Amtrak passenger service.

Freeing the bottleneck at this key Northern California transportation corridor will meet the needs of my constituents throughout the region, as well as promote critical economic development in an area that has suffered chronic high unemployment since the decline of the forest-products industry. The City of Anderson is diligently working to annex and redevelop a property formerly occupied by a timber mill. Full improvement of this property depends on updated transportation infrastructure.

Thank you for your consideration of this critical project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian Dahle".

BRIAN DAHLE
Assemblyman, 1st District



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April 8, 2016

Mr. Anthony Foxx, Secretary
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Re: Interstate 5 Redding to Anderson Six-Lane Project (I-5 RASL)

Dear Secretary Foxx:

Our organization, **Shasta VOICES**, a local private-sector business advocacy group with 1,077 members and supporters who live and work in the Shasta County area, **strongly supports** the City of Anderson's application to USDOT's FASTLANE (Fostering Advancements in Shipping and Transportation for the Long-term Achievement of National Efficiencies) program for the **widening of Interstate 5 (I-5) and the replacement of the Anderson Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) overcrossing**. The city, joined by the other local jurisdictions in Shasta County, has worked for years with the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency (SRTA) and Caltrans District 2 to advance **the widening of I-5 to six lanes** to meet expected freight and goods movement growth, as well as access to regional employment and educational opportunities. In addition, the current overcrossing does not meet vertical and horizontal clearance standards needed for safe operations and expansion of the UPRR I-5 Corridor Line—a critical corridor for west coast goods movement and Amtrak passenger service.

Shasta VOICES has been advocating for a stable and sustainable economic future in the Shasta County area for the past 9 years. We have been participating in the public process with all jurisdictions during these 9 years as community partners, with the common goal of bringing much needed infrastructure improvements to our less than wealthy community, removing the major financial impediments that continue to hold us back rather than allowing us to move forward. We bring strong community input, outreach and education, and strong community support to this process.

Locally, the completion of this project would spur the creation of sustainable, living-wage jobs that are sorely needed for economic recovery in far Northern California. Not only will our local community benefit from the Anderson Six-Lane project, but **anyone** who drives this critical stretch of I-5 to safely move their freight, or simply themselves or their families, from all areas north or south through the entire State of California and beyond.

Thank you for your consideration in providing USDOT's FASTLANE funding for this highly deserving project in our community.

Sincerely,

Mary B. Machado
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On Behalf of the Board of Directors
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April 8, 2016

Mr. Anthony Foxx, Secretary
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Re: Interstate 5 Redding to Anderson Six-Lane Project (I-5 RASL)

Dear Secretary Foxx:

Growing Local strongly supports the City of Anderson's application to USDOT's FASTLANE (Fostering Advancements in Shipping and Transportation for the Long-term Achievement of National Efficiencies) program for the widening of Interstate 5 (I-5) and the replacement of the Anderson Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) overcrossing. The city, joined by the other local jurisdictions in Shasta County, has worked for years with the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency (SRTA) and Caltrans District 2 to advance six-laning I-5 to meet expected freight and goods movement growth, as well as access to regional employment and educational opportunities. In addition, the current overcrossing does not meet vertical and horizontal clearance standards needed for safe operations and expansion of the UPRR I-5 Corridor Line—a critical corridor for west coast goods movement and Amtrak passenger service.

Growing Local's ongoing analysis and promotion of the food and farm economy of the North State clearly indicates how important the City of Anderson, the I-5 thoroughfare and railway access at that location are in supporting and building our food supply network. In addition to their critical role in facilitating transportation, the infrastructure improvements envisioned in this project could encourage other additional private and public investments needed for the development of value-added and aggregation facilities.

Convenient rail and I-5 access provide the North State with a farm and food economic lifeline to major markets. Infrastructure support for the I-5 bridge and UPR operations (in Anderson in particular) provide opportunities that our producer network and funders will greatly appreciate. Growing Local strongly supports these efforts both to enhance these critical rail and road junctions - and to ensure their capacity for the future.

Thanks you for giving this project your most serious consideration.

Steve Sibilsky
Steering Committee Chairman
Growing Local

C: Jeff Kiser, City Manager, Anderson
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April 11, 2016

Anthony Foxx, Secretary
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Subject: Interstate 5 Redding to Anderson Six-Lane Project (I-5 RASL)

Dear Secretary Foxx:

Shasta County strongly supports the USDOT FASTLANE (Fostering Advancements in Shipping and Transportation for the Long-term Achievement of National Efficiencies) program application to improve Interstate 5 (I-5) through our community.

Local jurisdictions have been working with the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency (SRTA) and Caltrans District 2 to widen I-5 to six lanes in southern Shasta County. Improvements are necessary to move freight along the West Coast. They will also enhance access to regional employment and educational opportunities. The Anderson Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) overcrossing is a particular bottleneck for both the freeway and the railroad. The current overcrossing does not meet vertical and horizontal clearance standards. A new overcrossing would greatly improve multimodal freight movement and mobility. Such corridor investments will ensure that I-5 and the UPRR continue to serve their critical functions locally and throughout the West Coast for decades and centuries to come and enjoy our full support.

Sincerely,


Patrick J. Minturn, Director

PJM/ldr

c: Jeff Kiser, City Manager, Anderson
Dan Little, Executive Director, Shasta Regional Transportation Agency
Dave Moore, Director, Caltrans District 2



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Mr. Anthony Foxx, Secretary
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Re: Interstate 5 Redding to Anderson Six-Lane Project (I-5 RASL)

Dear Secretary Foxx:



The Center for Economic Development (CED) at California State University, Chico strongly supports the City of Anderson's application to USDOT's FASTLANE (Fostering Advancements in Shipping and Transportation for the Long-term Achievement of National Efficiencies) program for the widening of Interstate 5 (I-5) and the replacement of the Anderson Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) overcrossing. The city, joined by the other local jurisdictions in Shasta County, has worked for years with the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency (SRTA) and Caltrans District 2 to advance six-laning I-5 to meet expected freight and goods movement growth, as well as access to regional employment and educational opportunities. In addition, the current overcrossing does not meet vertical and horizontal clearance standards needed for safe operations and expansion of the UPRR I-5 Corridor Line—a critical corridor for west coast goods movement and Amtrak passenger service.

As an Economic Development Administration (EDA) competitively awarded University Center, the CED's mission is to assist local leaders in leading rural Northern California into economic prosperity. It is our belief that transportation both to, and through these rural communities is becoming an increasingly important driver to the rural economy. This is highlighted by the fact that exporting agricultural products has become a significant portion of the local economy. I-5 is the cornerstone of that exporting, and any bottleneck would increase the time and cost of exporting local products making the region less competitive nationally and internationally.

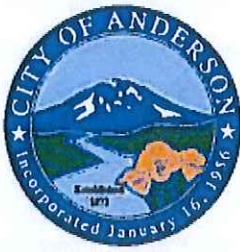
Easing expected traffic flows is also imperative to increase retail trade between the two major retail and healthcare hubs of Northern California (Redding and Chico). It is our pleasure to fully endorse the proposed project and we believe it is important to preemptively ease the ever increasing traffic issues on the most important route through Northern California.

Sincerely,

Dan Ripke, Director

Center for Economic Development at California State University, Chico

cc: Jeff Kiser, City Manager, Anderson
Dan Little, Executive Director, Shasta Regional Transportation Agency
Dave Moore, Director, Caltrans District 2



April 12, 2016

Mr. Anthony Foxx, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
Office of the Secretary
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Interstate 5 Redding to Anderson Six-Lane Project (I-5 RASL)

Dear Secretary Foxx:

The Mayor and the City Council strongly support the City of Anderson's application to USDOT's FASTLANE (Fostering Advancements in Shipping and Transportation for the Long-term Achievement of National Efficiencies) program for the widening of Interstate 5 (I-5) and the replacement of the Interstate 5, Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) overcrossing. The city, joined by the other local jurisdictions in Shasta County, has worked for years with the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency (SRTA) and Caltrans District 2 to advance the six-laning of I-5 to meet the expected freight and goods movement growth, as well as access to regional employment and educational opportunities. In addition, the current overcrossing does not meet vertical and horizontal clearance standards needed for safe operations and expansion of the UPRR I-5 Corridor Line—a critical corridor for west coast goods movement and Amtrak passenger service.

Interstate 5 and the UPRR overcrossing both exist within the City limits of Anderson and both are critical to the West Coast goods movement, traveler safety and the safety of our residents. The City of Anderson has been dedicated to improving transportation infrastructure in the City and in the region for decades.

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The City of Anderson would see a positive benefit from the completion of the project as it will help with the development of several hundred acres adjacent to both I-5 and the UPRR rail line. Much of this property will serve as a transportation hub for both vehicular and rail traffic. There will also be great gains in safety, delay reduction, and operational efficiency for both I-5 and the UPRR. Many times transportation corridors that have room for the expansion of services and efficiency will see a return in job creation and job growth and that is the expectation here. The FASTLANE project would just be the beginning step of the expansion and development that will follow.

The City of Anderson appreciates the opportunity to apply for this FASTLANE grant and is excited for the opportunities that lie ahead.

Sincerely,



Susie Baugh
Mayor
City of Anderson

Cc: Jeff Kiser, City Manager, Anderson
Dan Little, Executive Director, Shasta Regional Transportation Agency
Dave Moore, Director, Caltrans District 2



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Re: Interstate 5 Redding to Anderson Six-Lane Project (I-5 RASL)

Dear Secretary Foxx:

The Central Valley AgPLUS Manufacturing Consortium strongly supports the City of Anderson's application to USDOT's FASTLANE (Fostering Advancements in Shipping and Transportation for the Long-term Achievement of National Efficiencies) program for the widening of Interstate 5 (I-5) and the replacement of the Anderson Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) overcrossing. The city, joined by the other local jurisdictions in Shasta County, has worked for years with the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency (SRTA) and Caltrans District 2 to advance six-laning I-5 to meet expected freight and goods movement growth, as well as access to regional employment and educational opportunities. In addition, the current overcrossing does not meet vertical and horizontal clearance standards needed for safe operations and expansion of the UPRR I-5 Corridor Line—a critical corridor for west coast goods movement and Amtrak passenger service.

AgPLUS is an Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership (IMCP) designated region in Central California (Bakersfield to Redding) that concentrates on food and beverage processing throughout the region. Exporting raw agricultural products and processed food and beverages is one of the most important economic drivers in central California and transportation is key to exporting success. It is our belief that the proposed project solves an expected traffic bottle neck that would significantly impact exporting costs, hurting the Central Valley economy.

It is our pleasure to fully endorse the proposed project and we believe it is important to preemptively ease the ever increasing traffic issues in the area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Dozier".

Mike Dozier, Project Lead
Central Valley AgPlus Manufacturing Consortium

cc: Jeff Kiser, City Manager, Anderson
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Re: Interstate 5 Redding to Anderson Six-Lane Project (I-5 RASL)

Dear Secretary Foxx:

The North State Super Region strongly supports the City of Anderson's application to USDOT's FASTLANE (Fostering Advancements in Shipping and Transportation for the Long-term Achievement of National Efficiencies) program for the widening of Interstate 5 (I-5) and the replacement of the Anderson Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) overcrossing. The city, joined by the other local jurisdictions in Shasta County, has worked for years with the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency (SRTA) and Caltrans District 2 to advance six-laning I-5 to meet expected freight and goods movement growth, as well as access to regional employment and educational opportunities. In addition, the current overcrossing does not meet vertical and horizontal clearance standards needed for safe operations and expansion of the UPRR I-5 Corridor Line—a critical corridor for west coast goods movement and Amtrak passenger service.

The I-5 corridor is crucial to connecting people to employment, education, and other services necessary to the continued support of the economic advancement of the north state. Shasta County and its neighboring counties are economically distressed to the point that per capita income has plummeted since the Great Recession and has yet to recover to pre-recession levels.

The proposed project, widening of the existing four-lane interstate to six lanes and replacement of the Anderson UPRR overcrossing, accomplishes two primary goals:

- Provides an opportunity to grow connections of the communities in the north state to economic advancement through an enhanced, safe, and sustained corridor to support the President's goal of creating "Ladders of Opportunity" and applying a "Fix it First" approach to infrastructure.
- Mitigate a potential catastrophic event where these two facilities meet while also allowing removal of a major barrier and bottleneck to the planned expansion of the UPRR and I-5 network that will support redevelopment of the area. This is vital to jobs and economic interests in Northern California and beyond.

The proposed project will help spur economic redevelopment as well as maintain the continued integrity of the Interstate 5 corridor. Since this multi-modal project is not eligible for traditional funding sources, the application seeks the funding needed to advance the project's goals, without which the project would languish – likely for decades.

On behalf of the North State Super Region, please accept this letter of support for a project providing a critical connection in the nation's transportation network. Thank you, in advance, for your interest and support.

Sincerely,



Lisa Davey-Bates, Executive Director
North State Super Region

C: Jeff Kiser, City Manager, Anderson
Dan Little, Executive Director, Shasta Regional Transportation Agency
Dave Moore, Director, Caltrans District 2

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April 12, 2016

Executive Director Dan Little
Shasta Regional Transportation Authority
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Redding, CA 96001

Dear Mr. Little:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), District 2 supports the application of the Shasta Regional Transportation Authority (SRTA) to the United States Department of Transportation's Fostering Advancements in Shipping and Transportation for the Long-term Achievement of National Efficiencies (FASTLANE 2016) competitive grant program for the Redding to Anderson Six Lane (RASL) project.

The Interstate 5 Redding to Anderson Six-Lane Project (I-5 RASL Project) will widen I-5 from four to six-lanes, between the Cities of Redding and Anderson and will replace a hazardously substandard railroad overcrossing near the City of Anderson. The project has statewide benefits in moving goods through, and to/from, Northern California. More importantly, it has national ramifications as it is the only California corridor providing an expeditious link to Oregon and Washington from points south to Mexico.

The project also offers additional benefits and opportunities for partnerships between Caltrans, the City of Anderson, the City of Redding, the Shasta Regional Transportation Authority, Union Pacific Railroad, Shasta County, and private food distribution firms. Along with these partnerships the project will provide the ability to improve regional and national market competitiveness and promote middle class job-creation in an economically distressed region, thereby improving quality of life, incorporating innovation with local circulation improvements, ITS technologies, as well as incorporating a multimodal hub within the project's boundaries.

Caltrans District 2 is in full support of this project and will be the implementing agency. The project will provide for better services throughout the North State and the District recognizes the importance of constructing this project to serve the accessibility and growth of Northern California. The District is also committed to delivering all phases of project development and construction within the schedule allowed in the grant guidelines.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Dave Moore, written in a cursive style.

DAVE MOORE
District 2 Director



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Daniel S. Little, Executive Director

April 13, 2016

Mr. Anthony Foxx, Secretary
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Re: Interstate 5 Redding to Anderson Six-Lane Project (I-5 RASL) and Multi-Modal Food Hub

Dear Secretary Foxx:

The Shasta Regional Transportation Agency (SRTA) emphatically endorses the City of Anderson's application to USDOT's FASTLANE (Fostering Advancements in Shipping and Transportation for the Long-term Achievement of National Efficiencies) program for the:

- widening of Interstate 5 (I-5);
- replacement of the Anderson Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) overcrossing; and
- development of a multi-modal food hub within the project vicinity.

Anderson, joined by the other local jurisdictions in Shasta County, has worked for years with SRTA and Caltrans to advance six-laning I-5 to meet expected freight and goods movement growth, as well as provide access to regional employment and educational opportunities—Ladders of Opportunity. Additionally, the current overcrossing does not meet vertical and horizontal clearance standards needed for safe operations and expansion of the UPRR I-5 Corridor Line—a critical corridor for west coast goods movement and Amtrak passenger service. Furthermore, the project merges a critical west coast goods movement project with an innovative multimodal food hub planning proposal—providing opportunity to better ship fresh goods to the nation's and global marketplace while creating local jobs.

FASTLANE holds the key to mitigate a major transportation catastrophe while allowing us to move forward with plans to both maintain and expand the transportation system and economy. The interstate and railroad have been the life-blood of our economy for over a century—as well as the lifeblood for the entire west coast. We look forward to your genuine consideration of this pivotal project proposal.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dan Little".

Daniel S. Little, AICP, Executive Director

C: Jeff Kiser, City Manager, Anderson
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RE: Interstate 5 Redding to Anderson Six-Lane Project (I-5 RASL)

Dear Secretary Foxx,

City of Shasta Lake strongly supports the City of Anderson's application to USDOT's FASTLANE (Fostering Advancements in Shipping and Transportation for the Long-term Achievement of National Efficiencies) program for the widening of Interstate 5 (I-5) and the replacement of the Anderson Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) overcrossing. The city, joined by the other local jurisdictions in Shasta County, has worked for years with the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency (SRTA) and Caltrans District 2 to advance six-laning I-5 to meet expected freight and goods movement growth, as well as access to regional employment and educational opportunities. In addition, the current overcrossing does not meet vertical and horizontal clearance standards needed for safe operations and expansion of the UPRR I-5 Corridor Line—a critical corridor for west coast goods movement and Amtrak passenger service.

It is well known within the region that the proposed location of this project represents a major impediment for truck traffic that impacts the City of Shasta Lake as well as rail traffic for material sent by rail from within the City to the south. The proposed improvements to vertical and horizontal safety clearances between UPR operations and Interstate 5 bridge supports would assist in mitigating potential hazards and possible catastrophic disruption of the movement of people and goods due to the loss of one or both of the west coast's primary railway and interstate routes where they transect at this location.

We support USDOT's FASTLANE (Fostering Advancements in Shipping and Transportation for the Long-term Achievement of National Efficiencies) grant funding request for this project as no other Federal funding source is available for this project such as the Federal Highway Bridge Program, Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program, Federal Railroad Grade Separation Program, State Highway Operation and Protection Program as well as the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Program.

If you have any questions or need further information, please don't hesitate to contact me at 530-275-7427 or at jduckett@cityofshastalake.org.

Sincerely,

John N. Duckett, Jr.
City Manager

cc: Jeff Kiser, City Manager, Anderson; Dan Little, Executive Director, SRTA Dave Moore, Director, Caltrans District 2

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The Honorable Anthony Foxx
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Dear Secretary Foxx:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) supports the application of the Shasta Regional Transportation Authority (SRTA) to the United States Department of Transportation's Fostering Advancements in Shipping and Transportation, for the Long-term Achievement of National Efficiencies (FASTLANE 2016) competitive grant program, for the Interstate 5 Redding to Anderson Six Lane project (Project).

This Project will widen I-5 from four-lanes to six-lanes, between the cities of Redding and Anderson, and will replace a hazardously substandard railroad overcrossing near the city of Anderson. The Project has statewide benefits in moving goods to and from northern California. More importantly, it has national ramifications as it is the only California corridor providing an expeditious link to the state of Oregon and to the state of Washington from points south to Mexico.

The Project also offers additional benefits and opportunities for partnerships between Caltrans, the city of Anderson, the city of Redding, the Shasta Regional Transportation Authority, the Union Pacific Railroad, Shasta County, and private food distribution firms. Along with these partnerships, this Project will provide the ability to improve regional and national market competitiveness and promote middle class job-creation in an economically distressed region, thereby improving quality of life, incorporating innovation with local circulation improvements, ITS technologies, as well as incorporating a multimodal hub within the Project's boundaries.

Sincerely,

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MALCOLM DOUGHERTY
Director