



Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority

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The Honorable David Dreier
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233 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Congressman Dreier:

David Spence

SGVCOG

The Alameda Corridor-East (ACE) Construction Authority strongly supports and respectfully submits for your consideration the attached request for federal transportation authorization program funding for the design and construction of the Alameda Corridor-East/San Gabriel Valley grade separation projects.

David Gutierrez

San Gabriel

Stephen Atchley

Pomona

As the most comprehensive grade crossing/rail corridor safety improvement project in the Nation, the Alameda Corridor-East/San Gabriel Valley Project has been designated by Congress as both a National High Priority Corridor and a Project of National and Regional Significance because the Project furthers the national transportation policies and goals outlined in TEA-21 and SAFETEA-LU. Specifically, the Alameda Corridor-East/San Gabriel Valley Project will create jobs, increase mobility, enhance safety, reduce greenhouse gases and toxic air emissions, and stimulate regional and interstate commerce in connection with the movement of goods from the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach through the San Gabriel Valley and into the national goods movement network. The public will have opportunities to comment on the projects through active community outreach meetings and efforts during the environmental and design phases.

Patricia Wallach

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While applicants are permitted to request up to an 80% federal share of project cost, the ACE Construction Authority is requesting a federal share of 40% of the total estimated project cost of \$954 million -- having already secured significant local, state and railroad funding commitments to help deliver the grade separation projects through construction completion. Specifically, the ACE Construction Authority has secured non-federal funding commitments totaling \$472,335,000 (not including \$400,000,000 in local MTA Measure R funds to be disbursed over a 30-year period). **Combined with this federal funds request, the local, state and private funding commitments together equal 87 percent of the total estimated cost of completing the Alameda Corridor-East/San Gabriel Valley projects.**

Members of Congress are justifiably concerned that federal commitments made available through prior transportation authorization legislation remain little used or dormant. We are pleased to report that the ACE Construction Authority has expended or obligated 95% of the more than \$135 million in federal funds made available through the TEA-21 legislation, with the remainder to be obligated by next month. Of the more than \$65 million made available through SAFETEA-LU, the ACE Construction Authority has expended or obligated 65%, with the remainder to be obligated by late summer or early fall of this year.

The ACE Construction Authority has made significant progress toward completing the first 10 grade separations in the ACE/San Gabriel Valley program and can complete the next 10 grade separation projects in its program by 2014 if significant federal commitment is secured.

We thank you for your continued support and the leadership you have provided on behalf of the Alameda Corridor-East/San Gabriel Valley Project!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Spohn", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the left.

Tim Spohn
Chairman, Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority
City Councilman, City of Industry