



April 23, 2009

City of Arcadia

The Honorable David Dreier
233 Cannon HOB
Washington, DC 20515

RE: CITY OF ARCADIA HUNTINGTON DRIVE CAPACITY IMPROVEMENTS

Office of the City Council

Dear Congressman Dreier:

Robert C. Harbicht
Mayor

John Wuo
Mayor Pro tempore

Peter M. Amundson
Council Member

Roger Chandler
Council Member

Gary A. Kovacic
Council Member

I am writing on behalf of the City of Arcadia to request your support of the City's Huntington Drive Capacity Improvements Project for which we are requesting funding through the Federal Transportation Reauthorization Bill. The project proposes traffic capacity improvements to the Huntington Drive Corridor from Santa Anita Avenue to Colorado Place in the City of Arcadia. The project includes the widening of intersections, the addition of turn lanes, the addition of a through lane and the widening of Huntington Drive at specified locations. Further details about the project have been provided in the "Transportation and Infrastructure Member-Designated High Priority Project Questionnaire."

The total estimated cost for this project is \$3,660,000 and we are requesting funding in the amount of \$2,196,000. The difference will be funded through a grant the City has received through the Metropolitan Transit Authority Call for Projects.

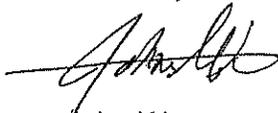
Of particular interest with this project is the regional significance to the San Gabriel Valley and to Los Angeles County. Huntington Drive is a primary arterial that is a significant parallel route to the I-10 and I-210 freeways, connecting the Valley to the Inland Empire on the east and downtown Los Angeles on the west. The Arcadia segment of Huntington Drive carries nearly 30,000 vehicles on an average day as well as four transit bus routes. Due to the increased number of motorists and the resulting deficiencies in the road, the segment bottlenecks and causes considerable traffic congestion and delays. The traffic signals along this segment are synchronized to optimize traffic flow, but with the deficiencies and congestion, the flow is continually hindered and the synchronization breaks down. The proposed improvements will facilitate traffic flow, improve signal synchronization and reduce delays and vehicle idling emissions. Additionally, the project will provide an economic benefit to the area by allowing the traffic on Huntington Drive to move more freely so that it can thrive as a preferred route for regional (customer) traffic and truck traffic serving the businesses and commercial operations in the area.

In terms of environmental review and public input, the City follows CEQA regulations and always allows and accepts public comments, both in writing and in person at City Council meetings.

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I hope that the information provided in this letter and in other materials previously submitted are sufficient to place the Huntington Drive Capacity Improvements Project on your list of High Priority Projects. We believe the improvements are essential to maintaining efficient and orderly traffic flow through Arcadia and surrounding cities. The City of Arcadia and the thousands of people who travel this road on a daily basis thank you for your consideration of this request and we look forward to a favorable response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Wuo", written in a cursive style.

John Wuo
Mayor

cc: Arcadia City Council
Don Penman, City Manager
Philip Wray, Deputy Development Services Director/City Engineer