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The Honorable David Dreier
233 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-0526

Dear Congressman Dreier:

On behalf of the City of Rancho Cucamonga, I respectfully request your assistance in securing \$3,000,000 for the I-15 and Base Line Road Interchange Improvement in the Transportation-HUD Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2010. This regional project is a critical component of the transportation network on the I-15 Interstate Highway System and the goods movement corridor in the Inland Empire.

The Base Line Interchange on I-15 can no longer keep pace with the population growth and transportation demands in the region. The I-15 ramps at Base Line Road are currently operating at an "unacceptable" level of service. Traffic congestion at the interchange impedes the I-15, one of the principal routes for goods movement into and out of Southern California. Base Line Road and the I-15 currently carry 32,000 and 178,000 vehicles per day, respectively. By 2035, traffic volumes are projected to increase by 62% to 52,000 and 345,000 vehicles per day, respectively. Rancho Cucamonga's population has increased 34% over the last eight (8) years to 174,000 in 2008. The City now has over 36.2 million square feet of industrial/ manufacturing/ distribution space and over 3.2 million square feet of commercial/office space.

The project includes two new bridge structures for the southbound on/off ramps, a loop ramp for westbound Base Line Road to southbound I-15, and the widening of the on and off ramps on the east side. The project also improves East Avenue to provide curb, gutter, and sidewalks, as well as the widening of Base Line Road to provide two left turn lanes for eastbound Base Line Road to the northbound I-15. The total estimated project cost is \$43.1 million including \$30.4 million in construction costs. This project will enhance interstate and regional movement of goods and services; promote economic development by providing increased access to industrial, manufacturing, and distribution space in the City and region; and improve safety and shorten emergency response times. This project is designated a High Priority Project (HPP) in SAFETEA-LU, is supported by Caltrans, and is on SANBAG's Federal Priority List.

We greatly appreciate your continued support of Rancho Cucamonga and your leadership in Congress.

Sincerely,

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Mayor