



CITY OF INDUSTRY

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The Hon. David Dreier
Member of Congress
233 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-0526

Dear Congressman Dreier,

On behalf of the City of Industry, CA, I am respectfully submitting the attached High Priority Project funding request for \$155 million for the 57/60 Confluence Project, in connection with the pending reauthorization of Federal surface transportation programs. **Our City unequivocally supports this Project, which will provide significant transportation infrastructure improvements to our region that will greatly improve safety, reduce congestion, foster economic growth, and improve air quality.**

These long awaited improvements are also supported by the City of Diamond Bar, the California Department of Transportation, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LAMTA), local and regional business leaders, and individual communities throughout our region. (Letters forthcoming). We all agree that the 57/60 Confluence Project is a top regional transportation priority that is critically necessary to securing our economic future and enhancing the quality of life for many Californians. Furthermore, by relieving an ever-worsening regional "congestion bottleneck," these improvements will directly facilitate the movement of goods from the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, through the Inland Empire, and into the national goods movement network.

When the existing freeway interchange connecting SR-57 with SR-60 was designed, the underlying "Valley-shaped" terrain forced both freeways into a common alignment for a distance of 2 miles in the vicinity of Grand Avenue. The location of the Grand Avenue Interchange between the two freeway junction points causes a multitude of traffic weaving between the two freeways and the on and off ramp traffic from Grand Avenue Interchange. The heavy weave movements create a serious bottleneck on both freeways and show a higher than normal incidence of traffic accidents.

The 57/60 Confluence Project is the initial phase of improvements designed to reconfigure the existing Grand Avenue interchange and significantly reduce the traffic weaving by building dedicated on and off freeway bypass lanes. The existing Grand Avenue overcrossing will be replaced with a wider, longer structure and improvements

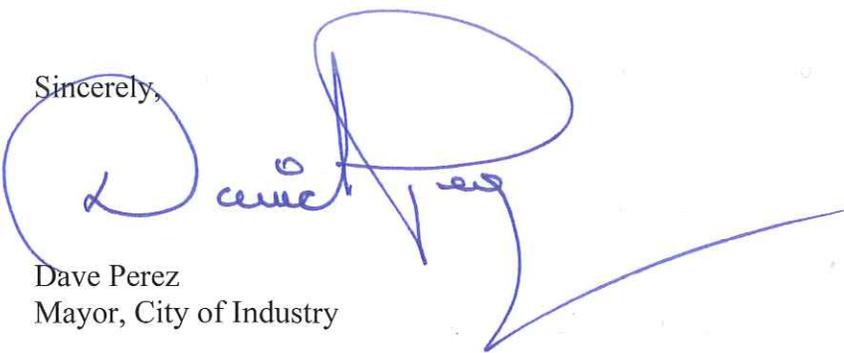
will be made to the 57/60 mainline, including the construction of dedicated off and on-ramps to and from Grand Avenue bypassing the SR-60 west junction with SR-57 and the SR-60 east junction with the northbound SR-57.

The project's total cost is \$258 million and will be funded with 60% federal funds and 40% state/local funds, of which \$ 155 million is requested in federal funding through reauthorization. The remaining \$103 million will be derived from a minimum \$35 million contribution from the City of Industry and up to \$ 68 million from Metro as the Long Range Transportation Plan considers this project as a critical part of the 57/60 Interchange Improvement Project. The City of Industry has committed to fund the entire environmental, design and a portion of the construction with local funding.

From a community outreach standpoint, the general public has had access to a Project website (www.freetheway.org) that was created to provide Project details, statistics, engineering drawings, facts, background information, and other relevant facts about the Project. The City of Industry has also begun making presentations to adjacent area community groups to answer questions and provide information on the progress and status of the Project. The environmental review process will also include substantial opportunities for public comment.

Your consideration of this request is greatly appreciated. I firmly believe that the 57/60 Confluence Project will improve safety, reduce traffic congestion, facilitate goods movement/economic development, and improve regional air quality, all of which are critically important Federal objectives during the reauthorization of Federal transportation policies. If you have questions, comments, or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dave Perez", with a large, stylized flourish extending to the right.

Dave Perez
Mayor, City of Industry