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April 22, 2009

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

RE: Support I-15/I-215 Devore Interchange for Reauthorization

Dear Congressman Dreier:

San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG), with the support of its 24 member cities and the County of San Bernardino, has identified several improvements along the I-15 Corridor in San Bernardino County for inclusion in the next transportation reauthorization act. More specifically, SANBAG supports the I-15/I-215 Devore Interchange as a high priority project.

The Interstate 15/Interstate 215 (Devore) Interchange is the principal bottleneck in the Cajon Pass on Interstate 15, a designated Trade Corridor of National Significance,. Recent studies commissioned by the Federal Department of Transportation identified Cajon Pass as the second worst grade-related bottleneck on nationally significant trade corridors in the United States. This project relieves that bottleneck. Interstate 15 through the project area, with more than 15,000 heavy-heavy duty truck trips (HHDT) today and as many as 60,000 HHDT by 2040, is a principal freight movement corridor between the greater Los Angeles area and the rest of the United States, including much of the truck-borne component of international trade through the nation's largest ports at Los Angeles and Long Beach. Facilitation of both interstate commerce and international trade are clearly federal responsibilities. Absent this project, vehicle delay is forecast to reach 25,000 daily vehicle hours, creating an estimated delay cost approaching \$100 million annually.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of the request to fund the I-15/I-215 Devore Interchange Project. If you have any questions concerning this project, please feel free to contact me at 909-884-8276.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Franco
Director of Intergovernmental and Legislative Affairs

Attachment

cc: Congressman Jerry Lewis
Congressman Joe Baca
Congressman Howard Buck McKeon