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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
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Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the more than 520,000 men and women of the Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA), I write to express our support for the Capital SouthEast Connector Joint Powers Authority's (Connector JPA) application to the United States Department of Transportation's Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) Program, to fund the Grant Line Road Safety and Freight Mobility Project (Project) in Sacramento County, California.

LIUNA's members have enthusiastically supported the Biden-Harris Administration for their commitment to the men and women who build our nation. We appreciate the Administration's record of creating hundreds of thousands of infrastructure jobs with family-supporting wages, pension relief for union members and their families, a historic update to strengthen Davis-Bacon prevailing wages, protecting federal workers' union rights, and raising service contract workers' wages.

The Connector is a multimodal transportation initiative that seeks to construct a 34-mile expressway from Interstate 5, south of the City of Elk Grove, to U.S. Highway 50, near El Dorado Hills. In June 2023, the California Transportation Commission approved the Grant Line Road Safety and Freight Mobility Project into its Trade Corridor Enhancement Program. By including the Project in its Trade Corridor Enhancement Program, the State of California affirms the Project improves safety, multimodal access and transportation equity, supply chain efficiency, environmental justice, and sustainability. The Project, which is on the National Highway System and has been designated a Critical Rural Freight Corridor, is now funded by the State of California for its final engineering design.

This project will be constructed under a Project Labor Agreement and, therefore, will include significant union employment. LIUNA Local Union 185, representing Laborers in Sacramento County and the surrounding community, currently has hundreds of highly trained members ready to work on this project. Many of those members have gone through LIUNA's Construction Craft Laborer registered apprenticeship program, and the Northern California Laborers' Apprenticeship Program having over 1,000 apprentices enrolled. This program partners with a number of pre-apprenticeship pathways that allow priority

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placement for certain targeted communities. In Sacramento County alone, direct entry agreements are in place with Northern California Construction Training (NCCT) and Sacramento Job Corps Center. LIUNA's registered apprenticeship programs arm graduates with skills to build a successful career in the construction industry, provide for their families, and retire with dignity.

The Grant Line Road Safety and Freight Mobility Project is a top transportation infrastructure priority for LIUNA members in California, and I appreciate your thoughtful consideration of Connector JPA's application. The Project aligns with LIUNA and the Biden-Harris Administration's shared vision to achieve more equitable opportunity, growth, and advancement for all individuals and communities. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions regarding this request.

With kind regards, I am

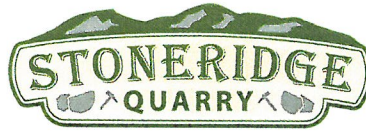
Sincerely yours,

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BRENT BOOKER
General President

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Angelo G. Tsakopoulos
Katherine Tsakopoulos



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November 9, 2022

California Transportation Commission
1120 "N" Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support for Capital Southeast Connector: Grant Line Road Improvements

Dear Commissioners,

Tsakopoulos Investments is a family-owned business located in Sacramento for over sixty years. We have multiple projects throughout the greater Sacramento area and we strive to develop sustainable communities that meet the social, economic, and environmental needs of our residents in an increasingly challenging housing market and economy. Also, we have a permitted aggregate quarry, Stoneridge Quarry, approved by the County of Sacramento, which will serve the construction materials needs for the region for one hundred years. These construction materials are a critical part of residential construction and related roadways and infrastructure, and our region requires that nearby construction materials distribution be readily practicable lest we desire those materials be imported from other regions, resulting in not just increased vehicular emissions but the loss of local sales tax generation. For those reasons and several others, we have been and continue to support the Capital Southeast Connector, and strongly encourage your commission to fund the Grant Line Road Safety and Freight Mobility Project.

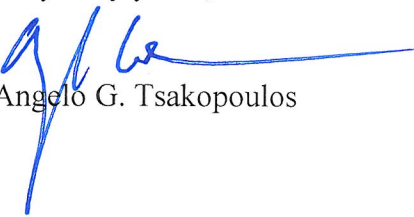
The Grant Line Road segment of the Capital Southeast Connector is a critical component to providing commercial access and distribution of goods throughout the County of Sacramento. It has been for several years a two-lane road, and the time is far past due for the State to recognize the value of this corridor and fund it accordingly. In addition to the local benefits, the Grant Line Road segment would also serve to cut several miles of each vehicle trip between the Folsom area of Sacramento County and Interstate 5 and Highway 99 by creating a more direct path of travel, instead of the existing circuitous path that requires vehicles travel through the Interstate 5/Highway 50 interchange and/or the Highway 99/Highway 50 interchange. The totality of all shortened trips would result in a significant reduction of vehicle miles traveled with a commensurate reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.

Areas west of Grant Line Road have been identified by the County of Sacramento as future smart growth areas that would help the County attain its greenhouse gas reduction goals while providing a developable area to meet the County's housing needs. Likewise, both the City of Rancho Cordova and City of Elk Grove have similar needs and goals,

and the Grant Line Road improvements would help facilitate the distribution of construction materials to this region, and state funding assistance would contribute greatly to overcoming the physical and economic roadblocks our region faces in developing our housing stock.

We strongly encourage the California Transportation Commission to fully consider and fund the Grant Line Road improvements of the Capital Southeast Connector. An investment in this infrastructure will translate into future benefits to Sacramento County for decades to come.

Very truly yours,



Angelo G. Tsakopoulos



September 16, 2022

California Transportation Commission
1120 N Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SUPPORT FOR CAPITAL SOUTHEAST CONNECTOR: GRANT LINE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

Dear Commissioners,

Van Vleck Ranch is a family-owned ranch that has been operating since 1856. Our ranching and resource operations reflect our proud part in California's history and ensure its bright future.

The Van Vleck family embraced sustainable practices on the ranch long before it was "in" to do so. For generations, we have passed down the fundamental understanding that our livelihood is connected to the land and environment. Part of our sustainability practices include:

- Conserving and enhancing almost 3000 acres for permanent ranching open space
- Serving as a teaching site for USDA on practices to improve water and land quality
- Working with the South Sacramento Conservation Agency and the CA Department of Fish and Wildlife to establish and enrich species habitat and wildlife continuity

A safe and reliable roadway network is vital for our Sacramento County operations. As a major producer and supplier of agricultural products in the Sacramento region, Van Vleck Ranch supports the SouthEast Connector improvements to Grant Line Road. The existing narrow two-lane rural roadway is in desperate need of modernization. We operate almost 6,000 acres in the immediate area of Grant Line Road. Our employees and my family ride on those roads very frequently and it is in dire need of safety improvements. More important than the stream of commerce, we want to keep our employees, their families and the those from our community that use that road safe.

I had the honor to serve for almost 10 years on the committee that worked

collaboratively to build South Sacramento Habitat Conservation Plan. To that end, I support the Project's mitigation strategy, which through the SSHCP, will add to an integrated agricultural and rangeland buffer along the southeastern edge of the Sacramento urban development area, shielding open lands from development pressures.

On behalf of our ranching family, we urge you to fund this Project and appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,



Stan Van Vleck



Laborers'
International
Union of
North America

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April 13, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Capital SouthEast Connector JPA Project – SUPPORT

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

On behalf of the California State Council of Laborers, I write to respectfully request your support for RAISE funding of \$25,000,000 to the Capital SouthEast Connector Joint Powers Authority (Connector JPA) to fund road improvements throughout the White Roack Road section of the project.

The Capital SouthEast Connector is a critical and robust multi-modal transportation project that will bring many benefits to the region and to the local economy. Once the Connector is completed, it will reduce congested roadway travel by some 38-million miles per year and result in more than 500,000 fewer hours per year of time spent in traffic. When it comes to the trail aspect of the project, a separated 12-foot-wide non-motorized paved multi-use path is planned to be located within the 200-foot right-of-way for the connector. This path will provide safe and convenient access and connectivity to the residential areas, job centers, transit, and other bicycle and pedestrian facilities in the area.

The White Rock Road portion of this project will also provide greater access to businesses, increase efficiency of goods movement, improve safety for drivers, pedestrians, and cyclists, and significantly reduce congestion within Interstate and 5 Highway 99, thus reducing GHG emissions. The Connector JPA has secured its environmental clearances and is ready to begin work on this respective segment.

Thank you for your consideration of this budget request. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (916) 447-7018.

Respectfully,

Joseph Cruz
Executive Director



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Advocate for the Heavy Construction Industry

October 5, 2017

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao
Secretary of Transportation
Office of the Secretary of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

RE: Infrastructure for Rebuilding America Grant for Capital SouthEast Connector

Dear Secretary Chao,

In recognizing the Capital SouthEast Connector's (Connector) significant transportation and economic-development benefits for the Sacramento region, the California Alliance for Jobs (Alliance) is pleased to support its application for an Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) grant.

The Alliance is a unique labor-management partnership that advocates for responsible investments in public infrastructure projects. Representing more than 2,500 heavy construction companies and 80,000 union construction workers, we believe that investments in public infrastructure projects are vital in continuing to make America's economy great and protecting our nation's economic interests moving forward. Construction of the Connector project will lead to over 5,000 middle-class jobs, over \$300 million in personal income, and almost \$1 billion in regional economic output.

The 34-mile Capital SouthEast Connector roadway between major trade corridors along Interstate 5, Highway 99, and Highway 50 should be a priority for federal funding. The Connector will join communities, employers, shopping, and recreation. In addition to the economic benefits, it will increase safety and health by decreasing vehicle miles traveled and reducing the amount of congestion throughout the region. The Connector is already supported by over \$100 million in local funding through Sacramento County's transportation sales-tax program. The requested INFRA grant would be the critical matching piece of funding needed to move the project towards construction.

The Connector project is a great example of the types of responsible investments in transportation infrastructure that grow local, state, and national economies. Thank you for your time and consideration of the Connector for an INFRA grant.

Respectfully yours,

Michael P. Quigley
Executive Director
California Alliance for Jobs



October 26, 2017

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao
Secretary of Transportation
Office of the Secretary of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

RE: Infrastructure for Rebuilding America Grant for Capital SouthEast Connector

Dear Secretary Chao,

On behalf of the Sacramento Region Business Association, I am pleased to convey our strong support for the Capital SouthEast Connector's application for an Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) grant.

The Sacramento Region Business Association is a not-for-profit business association and coalition with a mission of advancing regional economic growth. As the broad-based representative of the business community and administrator of several vertically aligned trade associations – Region Builders, Region Restaurants, Region Technology, and Region Finance – we are uniquely positioned in our understanding of economic issues that have the potential to catalyze economic growth for the benefit of the entire region. **There is no other current or proposed project in the entire Sacramento region that has the potential economic development benefits of the Capital SouthEast Connector.**

The 34-mile Capital SouthEast Connector expressway will serve as a beltway through the southern area of Sacramento County into El Dorado County, enabling travelers to bypass downtown Sacramento and Highway 50 congestion between Elk Grove, Rancho Cordova, Folsom and El Dorado Hills. The Connector will provide easier access to jobs, reduced congestion, more efficient goods movement, increased safety and significant economic impact. Thus, over 20 years, the Connector is expected to create more than 25,000 total new direct and indirect jobs, and generate \$2.5 billion in new economic output and \$182 million in new indirect business tax revenue.

For these reasons, we strongly support the Capital SouthEast Connector's application for an INFRA grant. If you have any questions you can contact me directly at (916) 397-4776.

Sincerely,

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Joshua Wood
Chief Executive Officer
Region Business



Office of the Secretary of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao,

Thank you for the opportunity to express our support for the INFRA grant application submitted by the Capital SouthEast Connector (Connector) Joint Powers Authority, the agency managing implementation of the voter-approved 34-mile transportation infrastructure project which runs through 5 local jurisdictions.

The Capital SouthEast Connector, which today runs along existing alignments built in the mid-20th century, will provide much needed connectivity between existing and planned developments. Aside from providing parallel capacity to US 50 and Highway 99, the Connector will greatly help support planned communities (residential, commercial and industrial) and generate thousands of jobs.

The North State BIA (BIA) is the leading advocate for the homebuilding industry in the greater Sacramento region. Representing over 500 members, including 50,000 industry jobs, the BIA is committed to preserving and furthering the economic interests of its members, while also working to enhance the industry's standing as a significant contributor to the regional economy. The Connector project is a key piece of transportation infrastructure that will greatly benefit our industry and we are proud to support the efforts to ensure this project gets built.

The Connector is a critical piece of infrastructure for our region and we respectfully ask for your support on their INFRA grant request to help get this shovel-ready project built.

Sincerely,

Chris Norem
Governmental & Public Affairs Director
North State Building Industry Association

SOMERS WEST

November 1, 2022

California Transportation Commission
1120 N Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SUPPORT FOR CAPITAL SOUTHEAST CONNECTOR: GRANT LINE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

Dear Commissioners,

Somers West is a Sacramento-based land development company that has owned land in the area for several decades. We believe smart development can help address our most pressing social and environmental issues, from the housing crisis to climate change.

Along the SouthEast Connector alignment, Somers West has owned the 2,667-acre Braden Property (formerly Cordova Hills) for nearly two decades. Approved in 2013, the community is designed as a complete ecosystem to include 8,000 residences accessible to a diverse range of incomes, 35% open space, four schools, neighborhood retail and office.

With growth reaching Braden's borders and major lifestyle shifts in how we work and live, we believe the time is right to make the major investments required to launch this community.

The community is designed as a walkable, bikeable community where destinations are never more than a 10-minute walk or eco-ride away. Braden's first phase is a mixed-use town center oriented to accommodate a diverse range of housing, with dining and neighborhood retail as well as flexible work options from traditional office to co-working spaces.

Our climate action plan includes elements such as fully electrified neighborhoods, tree-lined, pedestrian friendly streets, 75 miles of bike paths and lanes and community wide electric mobility with connection to Sacramento's light rail. These investments will result in dramatically lower greenhouse gas emissions as compared to other cities/communities in the state.

As a local landowner and business owner in Sacramento, we support the SouthEast Connector improvements. The SouthEast Connector will provide much needed regional connectivity to employment and multi-modal centers and support smart growth areas that accommodate eco-friendly transit alternatives.

On behalf of our company, we urge you to fund the Southeast Connector.

Sincerely,



Charles Somers
CEO



September 27, 2022

California Transportation Commission
1120 N Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: FOR CAPITAL SOUTHEAST CONNECTOR: GRANT LINE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

Dear Commissioners,

Aerojet Rocketdyne, located in Sacramento, California, is an innovative, technology-based company with the creative minds of more than 5,000 employees, providing innovative solutions to its customers in the aerospace and defense markets. Over our 100+ year history, Aerojet Rocketdyne products have played a significant role in powering the nation's military aircraft and defense systems. Aerojet Rocketdyne and its employees have been critical to the nation's defense and exploration of space for decades, and today stands at the forefront of the journey back to the Moon and onto Mars.

Aerojet Rocketdyne Holdings, Inc., via its real estate division Easton Development Company, LLC, is also a major landowner in southeastern Sacramento County. Easton and Aerojet Rocketdyne have been collaborating on new uses for much of the land along the Hwy 50 Corridor and we have been working with Sacramento County and the Cities of Folsom and Rancho Cordova as supporters of the Capital Southeast Connector Project since its inception.

As a major landowner, developer and employer in Sacramento with a facility directly along the Capital SouthEast Connector, we strongly support the next phase of proposed Southeast Connector improvements to Grant Line Road. Grant Line Road has large volumes of heavy trucks due to adjacent mining operations, the County Landfill, and the movement of cargo to and from Mather Airport. The existing narrow two-lane roadway is dangerously insufficient for today's uses. The proposed improvements will improve safety, reduce congestion, reduce VMT's and provide access to well-paying jobs and new development opportunities.

On behalf of our companies and many employees, we urge you to fund this Project and appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

Aerojet Rocketdyne, Inc.

David C. Hatch

David C. Hatch
Vice President and Chief Operating Officer
Easton Development Company, LLC

February 28, 2022

Senator Nancy Skinner
Chair, Senate Budget Committee
State Capitol, Room 5094

Assemblymember Phil Ting
Chair, Assembly Budget Committee
State Capitol, Room 6026

**Re: Support for Budget Funding for Capital SouthEast Connector JPA
Kammerer Road Interchange**

Dear Chairs Skinner and Ting:

On behalf of the Wilton Rancheria, proud descendants of the Penutian linguistic family and a federally recognized Indian Tribe, we write to respectfully request your support for a state budget allocation of \$8 million to the Capital SouthEast Connector Joint Powers Authority (JPA) for road improvements on the Kammerer Road section of this project in the 2022-23 budget.

The Connector project addresses transportation equity by providing new, safe, and modern multi-modal access to the Wilton Rancheria. Its sustainable design and strategies reduce emissions, improve equity, and spur economic growth, furthering the state's equity, accessibility, safety, climate, and air quality objectives from its transportation system. The Connector increases access to key tribal destination that will help meet the needs of our community.

With the necessary funding, the project is ready to begin. Specifically, this funding would be used to advance final engineering and construction. The JPA has cleared CEQA for the project and obtained its 404 permit. The project will grade-separate Kammerer Road over a Union Pacific Railroad corridor and will connect to Interstate 5. It also includes a Class 1 bike path along its length, making it a multi-modal project that facilitates interregional connectivity.

We support the Connector project for its benefits to our Tribal community and support the request for an \$8 million state budget allocation to fund this important project.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Jesus Tarango
Chairman of Wilton Rancheria



September 23, 2022

California Transportation Commission
1120 N Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SUPPORT FOR CAPITAL SOUTHEAST CONNECTOR: GRANT LINE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

Dear Commissioners,

A Teichert & Son (Teichert) is a family owned construction and construction materials company operating in California since 1887. We hold the oldest active contractor's license in the State of California at #8. As such, Teichert is, and historically has been, committed to our family of employees, high quality of work, strong customer satisfaction, high standard of safety, and giving back to the community.

Teichert Materials is one of the largest aggregate producers in the State, with a major processing plant and asphalt plant strategically located on Grant Line Road. The plant can generate several million tons of rock, sand, gravel, and asphaltic concrete annually. We are also a material supplier to other contractors and operators. Our locally sourced products have played a vital role in the construction of infrastructure projects as well as residential and commercial development projects throughout the greater Sacramento region.

Over the decades, Teichert has seen a steady increase in the demand for building materials as the region's population grows. To meet the demand, Teichert has secured use permits which will allow our quarry and mining facilities to continue operating in Eastern Sacramento County and provide locally sourced materials for years to come.

As a major employer in Sacramento with a significant investment in our operations along the Capital SouthEast Connector, we support the proposed SouthEast Connector improvements to Grant Line Road. With its large volumes of heavy trucks due to mining operations, the County Landfill, and cargo movement to and from Mather Airport, the existing narrow two-lane roadway is insufficient for today's uses. The proposed improvements will improve safety and reduce congestion while further allowing for goods movement to meet the market without from an established location.

In addition to improving safety, the Connector will have a significant positive near-term and long-term financial impact on the Sacramento region by improving the distribution of materials critical for construction projects and increasing access to well-paying jobs.

On behalf of our company, we urge you to fund this Project and appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,



Michael Smith
Aggregate Resource and
Government Affairs Manager
Teichert Materials

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DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, LLC

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

We are writing to you today to express our support for a RAISE grant application critical to advancing Sacramento's Capital SouthEast Connector Expressway Project (the Connector). It is the region's largest approved transportation project located in California's Capital City.

The Connector aligns with the Administration's goals and meets or exceeds every criterion established by the U.S. Department of Transportation under RAISE. It is an innovative rural project that will significantly improve goods movement and economic competitiveness, safety and regional security.

The Connector will transform 34 miles of two-lane rural roads to a four-lane expressway. The expressway will provide congestion relief to two counties and three cities with a daily reduction of close to 1,900 vehicle miles traveled and \$7.7 million in annualized weekday time savings.

The Connector will provide new and more reliable access to Easton Development and Aerojet Rocketdyne's 12,600 acre re-development. These roadway improvements will help attract and retain new and innovating job opportunities and residential development, including much needed workForce housing that is sorely needed in our region.

For all these reasons, we are asking for your support to award RAISE grant funding for the Capital SouthEast Connector, a project with benefits that will be felt locally, statewide and nationally.

Sincerely,

Michael Pavik
Vice President, Real Estate
Easton Development Company, LLC

One Easton Place, PO Box 1209, Folsom CA 95630-3181

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DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, LLC

December 29, 2020

Garret Ballard-Rosa
Regional Program Coordinator
Sacramento Area Council of Governments
1415 L Street, Suite 300
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SACOG 2021 Regional Program – Maintenance & Modernization

Dear Mr. Ballard-Rosa,

On behalf of Easton Development, I write in support of the funding request in the amount of \$3,000,000 for the Scott Road Realignment Project (“Project”) that will reconstruct and realign Scott Road to the intersection of White Rock and Prairie City Roads. The project will provide significant safety enhancements and improve the existing transportation system, while increasing ease of access to our 12,600 acre re-development land which will include much needed housing and commercial centers.

Reconstruction of Scott Road will enhance the “state of good repair” and address transportation system vulnerabilities. The pavement along the existing roadway alignment is in poor condition and beginning to fail. The poor pavement condition is compounded by substandard drainage facilities, which accelerates pavement failure and can make the road impassable when flooded. These unsafe conditions require motorists to make a significant detour, increasing vehicles miles traveled and greenhouse gas emissions. The Project will upgrade Scott Road to current design standards, providing a safe and reliable connection between southeast Sacramento County and the cities of Folsom and Rancho Cordova.

Easton was planned in accordance with smart-growth principles advocated by the Urban Land Institute and the Sacramento Region Blueprint: Transportation and Land Use Study. The projects will protect and enhance natural resources, encourage mixed use opportunities, create housing diversity and build on existing infrastructure. It is essential that the Connector get built in order for our projects to construct as envisioned.

For these reasons, Easton Development Company is asking for your support to award Regional Program grant funding for the Scott Road Realignment, a project that will have both local and regional benefits.

Sincerely,



Michael LaFortune
Senior Development Director
Easton Development Company, LLC



2365 Iron Point Road, Ste. 300, Folsom, CA 95630

September 21, 2017

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao
Secretary of transportation
Office of the Secretary for Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

On behalf of the 50 Corridor Transportation Management Association (TMA) which represents more than 100 employers along US Highway 50, I am writing to convey the TMA's support for the Capital SouthEast Connector Project.

As an association dedicated to improving mobility and transportation choices, the 50 Corridor TMA believes this project is critical to reducing congestion and providing easier access to jobs.

We are also excited to see a 34-mile Class 1 trail as a component of this project. When constructed, this trail facility will connect the communities south of Sacramento to American River Bike Trail, a 32-mile long facility which connects east Sacramento to downtown Sacramento.

Thank you for your support of this regionally important project, we look forward to seeing it funded and constructed.

Sincerely,

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Rebecca Garrison
Executive Director



October 2, 2017

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao
Secretary of Transportation
Office of the Secretary of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Chao,

On behalf of VSP Global, I am pleased to convey our support for the Capital SouthEast Connector's Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) grant application.

As a large Sacramento region employer, we understand the need for an efficient transportation system that facilitates the movement of people and goods. And because we're based in Rancho Cordova, we're especially sensitive to impacts on and near Highway 50. The Capital SouthEast Connector will reduce congestion throughout the area, and establish better connections between communities and jobs. That's good for us and the economy.

We're anxious to see the Connector project move forward as expeditiously as possible, and know that funding is a significant challenge for the project. Securing the requested INFRA grant would help in moving more of the 34-mile alignment quickly into construction.

Thank you very much for your consideration of the Capital SouthEast Connector's request, and we urge you to support it.

Sincerely,

Dave Dunkinson
Director of Facilities

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December 28, 2020

Garret Ballard-Rosa
Regional Program Coordinator
Sacramento Area Council of Governments
1415 L Street, Suite 300
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Grant applications for the Capital SouthEast Connector

Dear Mr. Ballard-Rosa,

On behalf of the California Northstate University, a medical school located in the cities of Rancho Cordova and Elk Grove. At California Northstate University we aim to provide innovative education and healthcare delivery systems. I am writing to express my support for the grant applications submitted by the Capital SouthEast Connector for the Scott Road Realignment and project development funds for Grant Line Road, as they will unquestionably positively impact our students and educators.

Ultimately the Connector will provide significant benefits for the Sacramento Region's transportation system and for our growing offerings in the region.

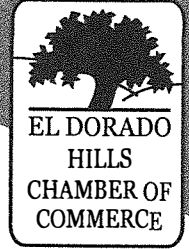
- It will provide a viable alternative to our existing highways and reduce the need for those accessing jobs, retail and recreation in the cities of Elk Grove, Rancho Cordova, Folsom and in El Dorado Hills to use Highway 50 for so many of their trips.
- It will increase safety by upgrading two-lane country roads built in the 1950s and 1960s that were not designed to carry their current traffic loads.
- It will provide a multi-use bike and pedestrian path along its entire alignment.

As we continue to grow our offerings in the Sacramento Region, transportation infrastructure is of critical importance. Our mission is to advance the science and art of healthcare and in order to do so, we need your support to help fund the necessary infrastructure.

Thank you very much for the consideration and I urge you to support these two requests.

Sincerely,

Dr. Alvin Cheung
President, California Northstate University



April 13, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
Office of the Secretary of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

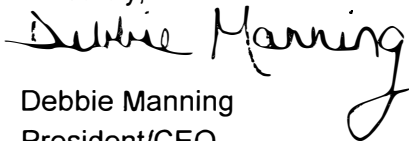
I am writing on behalf of the El Dorado Hills Chamber of Commerce to express our support for the Capital SouthEast Connector Joint Powers Authority application for Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant.

El Dorado Hills serves as the eastern terminus of the 34-mile Connector and as the organization representing our area business community, the Chamber has long been supportive of the project given the significant transportation and economic-developments it will provide to our community, including better and safer access for our many employers and our growing retail presence.

Congestion on Highway 50 is a significant and growing problem, and we know it already is and will in the future negatively impact El Dorado Hills competitiveness. Providing parallel capacity south of Highway 50 has long been a regional transportation need that the Connector directly addresses, and we're excited to see more of the project get into construction. The requested RAISE grant will make that possible.

We thank you in advance for strongly considering the Connector JPA's RAISE grant application and hope it's one you can support.

Sincerely,


Debbie Manning
President/CEO



The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

On behalf of the Folsom Chamber of Commerce and its more than 900 members representing 26,000 jobs, I'm writing to support the Capital SouthEast Connector's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant application to help fund the project's construction.

We've been following and supporting the Connector project for over a decade and we are excited about the transportation and economic development benefits that it will provide for the city of Folsom, especially as our city grows south of U.S. Highway 50. Getting the Connector constructed, which the requested RAISE grant will help make possible, is an especially high priority for us.

We very much appreciate your consideration of the Connector's RAISE grant request and urge you to support it. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Joe Gagliardi
CEO/President



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SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

April 13, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

On behalf of the Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce (Chamber), we would like to share with you our support for the Capital SouthEast Connector's (Connector) RAISE grant application. Established in 1895, the Chamber is a not-for-profit association focused on advancing regional economic growth and vitality, promoting sustainable communities and creating jobs for the future. Representing nearly 1,700 members with 200,000 employees in El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba counties, the Sacramento Metro Chamber is the region's leading proponent of regional cooperation and primary advocate on issues affecting business.

We believe that the Connector project is a unique opportunity to bring a critical piece of infrastructure to our region. The area around the Connector is home to respective large employers where several thousand Sacramento area residents work. Improving access to those job centers and enabling more efficient movement of goods within and through the Sacramento region will help support the area's continued economic growth and longer-term competitiveness.

What's been clear for decades is that the Sacramento region lacks enough routing alternatives to Highway 50, Highway 99, Interstate 80 and Interstate 5, all of which converge in downtown Sacramento. This creates a situation in which virtually all north-south and east-west traffic must pass through the downtown Sacramento core. The Connector will help alleviate this problem by providing a viable, safe alternative to Highway 50 for those accessing jobs, commercial services or recreational opportunities in the area between Elk Grove, Rancho Cordova, Folsom and El Dorado Hills, which are home to combined population of more than 360,000 people.

We respectfully request your support and funding of the Capital SouthEast Connector.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Amanda Blackwood
President & CEO
Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce



April 13, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Office of the Secretary of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

Thank you for the opportunity to express our support for the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant application submitted by the Capital SouthEast Connector (Connector) Joint Powers Authority, the agency managing implementation of the voter-approved 34-mile transportation infrastructure project which runs through 5 local jurisdictions.

The Connector, which today runs along existing alignments built in the mid-20th century, will provide much needed connectivity between existing and planned developments. Aside from providing parallel capacity to US 50 and Highway 99, the Connector will greatly help support long-planned communities (residential, commercial and industrial) and generate thousands of jobs.

The Capital SouthEast Connector is a critical infrastructure project for the Sacramento region and one that should be prioritized for construction. This is among the largest transportation infrastructure projects in Northern California and one that our local, state and federal officials have endorsed.

The North State Building Industry Association (BIA) is the leading advocate for the homebuilding industry in the greater Sacramento region. Representing over 500 members and including 50,000 industry jobs, the BIA is committed to preserving and furthering the economic interests of the regional economy. The Connector project is a key piece of transportation infrastructure that will greatly benefit our region and we are proud to support the efforts to ensure this project gets built.

We respectfully ask for your support on the RAISE grant request to get this shovel-ready project built.

Sincerely,

Chris Norem
Governmental & Public Affairs Director
North State Building Industry Association



13 April 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
Office of the Secretary of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

As a long-time supporter of the Capital SouthEast Connector, the Board of Directors of the Rancho Cordova Chamber of Commerce is pleased to support its **Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE)** grant application.

The Rancho Cordova Chamber service region represents the business community well beyond the borders of the City of Rancho Cordova. With over 50,000 business professionals working within that area, access and movement for people and goods is critical to the city's continued economic development. We anticipate significant growth over the next several decades. The Capital SouthEast Connector is a key element of an improved Sacramento region transportation network, and we are anxious to see more of it constructed as soon as possible. The much-anticipated projects impact on the Highway 50 corridor is especially important to Rancho Cordova.

Thank you very much for your consideration of the Capital SouthEast Connector's request, and we urge you to support it.

Sincerely,

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Diann H. Rogers
President & CEO



April 13, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
Office of the Secretary of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant application

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing on behalf of the Sacramento Regional Builders Exchange to voice our support for the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant application for the Capital SouthEast Connector's White Rock Road Improvement project.

Founded in 1901 and serving more than 1,100 member companies, the Sacramento Regional Builders Exchange is the construction industry's oldest and largest association in the Sacramento region. Among public works contractors, our membership also includes building contractors and subcontractors, architects, engineers, suppliers and industry support organizations. We understand deeply the benefits provided by well planned and executed infrastructure projects and see the Capital SouthEast Connector as a critical and urgently needed component of the Sacramento region's transportation system.

The overall project construction will create more than 5,400 new jobs and when completed it will help to create more than 25,000 direct and indirect jobs, and \$1 billion of labor income. Plus, as a more direct route between the southern and eastern reaches of the Sacramento region parallel to Highway 50, the Capital SouthEast Connector will relieve congestion, reduce distances traveled, save time, and reduce fuel consumption and vehicle emissions.

SRBX is strongly supportive of seeing more of the Capital SouthEast Connector constructed and hope you will support the RAISE grant request that will help make that possible.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy A. Murphy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "T" and "M".

Timothy A. Murphy
Chief Executive Officer

cc: The Honorable Doris Matsui, 6th Congressional District
The Honorable Ami Bera, 7th Congressional District