

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

April 12, 2016

The Honorable Anthony R. Foxx
Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

We are writing in support of the City of Diamond Bar's application for a FY 2016 grant from the Department of Transportation's Fostering Advancements in Shipping and Transportation for the Long-term Achievement of National Efficiencies (FASTLANE) program. The City is requesting a \$35 million investment in the 57/60 Confluence Project, which will relieve congestion and improve safety at the confluence of California State Routes 57 and 60 in the Cities of Diamond Bar and Industry. The California Department of Transportation, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority and Southern California Association of Governments support this nationally and regionally significant project.

These heavily congested freeways share an alignment for approximately two miles. This confluence forces thousands of freight trucks and passenger vehicles to execute dangerous weaving in order to navigate the freeways. The requested funding will support the construction of new eastbound SR-60 bypass structures at Grand Avenue that are expected to minimize the unsafe lane changing movements. In tandem with westbound on-ramp improvements already being constructed with the help of previously awarded TIGER funding, this new infrastructure will improve the overall traffic flow at the confluence and eliminate the current bottleneck effect that the confluence has on the regional operation of SR-57 and SR-60.

Both SR-57 and SR-60 are on the National Highway Freight Network, with this segment of the network moving 43% of freight goods east-west (in-and-out) of the greater Los Angeles basin, a major international trade hub and port of entry. The Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach handle 24% of all U.S. international trade (by container volume) and Los Angeles International Airport is the third busiest air cargo facility in the world. SR-60 is the highest utilized corridor for truck traffic leaving these facilities, ultimately connecting with the rest of the country via I-10 and I-40.

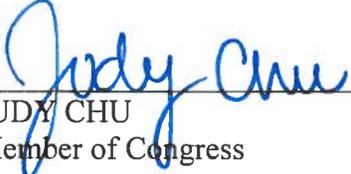
In 2013, the Federal Highway Administration identified the 57/60 Confluence as one of the 25 most “Congested Freight-Significant Locations” in the nation. The American Transportation Research Institute recently ranked the confluence as the most congested freight bottleneck in California and the ninth most congested in the United States. It was also identified in the Comprehensive Regional Goods Movement Plan and Implementation Strategy study as the second-highest truck accident location in Southern California.

Your full and fair consideration of this application is greatly appreciated. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


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Member of Congress


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Member of Congress


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