



October 4, 2022

Mr. Mitch Weiss
Executive Director
California Transportation Commission
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Subject: Letter of Support for the Trade Corridor Enhancement Program Grant Application – Harbor Drive 2.0 Port Access Improvements - Enhancing Freight and Community Mobility in San Diego’s Working Waterfront

Dear Mr. Weiss:

I am writing to express support on behalf of The City of National City for the *Harbor Drive 2.0 Port Access Improvements - Enhancing Freight and Community Mobility in San Diego’s Working Waterfront (Project)*, which will be submitted by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) to the California Transportation Commission for funding consideration under the Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP).

The Harbor Drive Corridor is a Critical Urban Freight Corridor that provides first/last-mile connectivity for San Diego’s Working Waterfront. This goods movement gateway includes the Port of San Diego’s National City and Tenth Avenue Marine Terminals; Naval Base San Diego; commercial shipyards and industrial facilities; historical, cultural, and recreational sites; and residential communities (including AB-617 identified Portside Environmental Justice Neighborhood). The Project, with a combined total cost of over \$80 million, will implement improvements within the corridor to enable efficient movement of goods and people, improve multimodal access and circulation, and divert trucks from residential streets. The Project will enhance equity, sustainability, pedestrian and cyclist safety, reduce congestion, improve freight mobility and parking, and real-time information throughout this corridor.

The Project proposes to introduce all-day and off-peak truck only lanes; technologies including freight signal priority, freight queue jumps, new traffic signals, gate operating system, truck reservation system; geofencing to enable and enforce commercial vehicle preferred routes; infrastructure for zero-emission commercial vehicle charging; and upgrades to bicycle and pedestrian facilities. A bridge structure at Vesta Street is proposed to reconnect Naval Base San Diego and separate traffic from existing rail and transit routes. Additional improvements include freeway ramp widening in the corridor to improve access to the freeway network and rehabilitation of deteriorating pavement at freeway access locations.

The City of National City would like to express our strong support for the *Harbor Drive 2.0 Port Access Improvements - Enhancing Freight and Community Mobility in San Diego's Working Waterfront Project*. Thank you for your leadership on the TCEP Program and for your consideration of this project.

Sincerely,

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Alejandra Sotelo-Solis, Mayor