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RE: 57/60 Confluence Project Support

Dear Supervisor Knabe:

The San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership wishes to express its very strong support for the 57/60 Confluence Project, which seeks to provide near-term solutions to existing and future mobility, congestion, goods movement, safety and air quality challenges posed by this critical link in the region's transportation system. As such, we view the 57/60 Confluence project as an essential lynchpin in the Valley's economic and environmental well-being.

The City of Industry and the City of Diamond Bar have worked with LA Metro and Caltrans to find a "right-sized" solution, and are proposing a project that is far more affordable than the "Big Fix" that was previously envisioned by some. Further, the City of Industry will be spending \$35M in its own funds to advance the project to a "shelf-ready" state by 2013. Any funds remaining at that time will be added to help fund the construction phase. If funds are available, the project could proceed to final design and construction, with completion possible by 2016.

For that goal to be achieved, however, the project must be advanced in LA Metro's Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) from the currently envisioned completion date of 2030. LA Metro is in the process of examining possibilities for advancing highway projects in the LRTP at the same time as it pursues the 30/10 Transit initiative. In that regard, we would note that:

- First, from the standpoints of cost-effectiveness and impact on system performance, it would be hard to find a project that merits advancement more than does the 57/60 Confluence Project.
- Second, it would appear that LA Metro staff is only looking at Measure R projects as candidates for advancement. We think this is casting the net too narrowly: the fact that the 57/60 Confluence Project is not in the Measure R expenditure plan should not exclude it from consideration for advancement.

The San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership strongly urges you to direct LA Metro staff to include the 57/60 Confluence project in the context of advancing the highway program in Los Angeles County and updating the LRTP Financial Plan. Thank you for considering our views. The Partnership looks forward to working with you to achieve this important goal.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Kurtz, CEO