

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

February 26, 2007

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

We are writing to express our serious concern about the funding recommendations for Los Angeles County in the California Transportation Commission (CTC) report released on Friday, February 16, 2007. These recommendations significantly under-fund projects needed to reduce congestion and improve safety in Los Angeles County. We urge you and the CTC to rectify this situation and ensure that Los Angeles County receives equitable funding through Proposition 1B.

Los Angeles County is home to twenty-eight percent of California's population and over thirty percent of California's congestion. Yet, CTC recommendations significantly shortchange Los Angeles County needs. Of the \$2.8 billion being allocated, CTC has recommended that \$328 million be allocated to Los Angeles County. This is only 12% of the total amount recommended to be allocated statewide, only 22% of the amount recommended for Southern California, and only 51% of the requested funding for Los Angeles County projects which were recommended. These levels could result in reduced funding for many projects in Los Angeles County, and jeopardizes the ability to move forward on much needed improvements.

Los Angeles County taxpayers have much to lose if these recommendations are implemented as drafted. Of the five million people that voted for Proposition 1B, 1.2 million or 23% live in Los Angeles County. Los Angeles County's ten million people, 28% of the State's total population, comprise the largest group of taxpayers who will pay for these programs. When taxpayers in Los Angeles County voted to support Proposition 1B, they assumed that the funds generated would go to projects to relieve congestion, improve movement of goods, enhance air quality and strengthen the safety and security of the transportation system in our region. We still believe that they should.

Current CTC recommendations shortchange Los Angeles County taxpayers and could result in unnecessary expenditures and risk to local communities and the region. We urge you and the CTC to rectify this situation and ensure that Los Angeles County receives equitable funding through Proposition 1B. We look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,



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