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

RE: Infrastructure of Rebuilding America (INFRA) Program Request for I-80 Westbound Clean Freight Truck Scales Project

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

On behalf of the Solano County Board of Supervisors, I am writing to express our strong support for the I-80 Westbound Clean Freight Truck Scales Project. The Solano Transportation Authority (STA) is seeking \$60 million from the Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) Program, matched by \$138 million in state and local funds, to fully fund this regionally significant project.

Upgrading the Westbound Cordelia Truck Scales, located in Solano County, would greatly enhance public safety by allowing the California Highway Patrol to conduct a significantly greater number of inspections on freight moving on this heavily traveled corridor. This Project would help reduce traffic congestion, allow for electric freight vehicle charging, lower the risk of rear-end accidents, and remove unsafe vehicles from one of the most important national trade and commute corridors connecting the San Francisco Bay Area and Sacramento. The corridor within Solano County functions as a primary truck route and an essential regional commuter route, connecting the Port of Oakland to points east and north and contributing significantly to the economic health of the State of California by facilitating goods distribution throughout the western United States.

With its proximity to the Port of Oakland, the City of San Francisco, the University of California at Davis, and the City of Sacramento, Solano County has become a venue for businesses to locate, including those in the advanced materials, biotechnology, and biomedical, food and beverage, and logistics sectors. This Project is located along a crucial section of I-80 and is listed on both the federal and state freight networks.

The current Westbound facility was originally constructed in 1958 and is only able to accommodate 500 to 700 trucks per day. There are only four inspection bays, limited parking, and the short on and off-ramps greatly restrict access to the inspection facility resulting in trucks backing up onto I-80. The new trucks scales would be relocated with a braided off-ramp connection and a new entrance ramp connection to increase waiting capacity and reduce congestion on I-80. **The increase from four inspection bays to seven will allow the new I-80 Westbound Truck Scales to inspect 1,000 trucks per hour and operate 24 hours, seven days a week.** This Project will complement the updated I-80 Eastbound Truck Scales, which saw an immediate 19% increase in commercial traffic able to flow through the facility after

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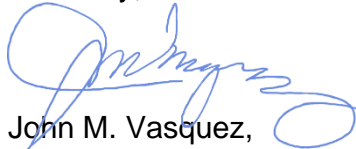
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construction was completed in 2017. The new Eastbound Truck Scales were able to complete 13% more inspections (2,150) compared to the outdated Westbound Truck Scales. The increased number of inspections identified 65% more mechanical violations, 39% more Out of Service violations, and 17% more Enforcement Citations. The Eastbound facility was also able to conduct 46% more Hazardous Material inspections compared to the Westbound facility.

Additionally, this Project is part of the larger East Bay Clean Freight Corridor effort and includes the installation of electric charging stations for freight at both the Westbound and Eastbound facilities. This Project also promotes the INFRA Program objectives to grow economies, facilitate freight movement, and enhance health access and safety for all. This Project is a win for local and regional businesses, commuters, transit riders, students, and everyone traveling through this busy corridor.

We thank you for your consideration of the I-80 Westbound Clean Freight Truck Scales Project.

Sincerely,



John M. Vasquez,
District 4 Supervisor and Chair
Solano County Board of Supervisors

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