

# LETTERS OF SUPPORT

US DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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## GRANT LINE ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT



## Letters of Support

### 2024 RAISE Letters of Support

The Grant Line Road Safety Improvements Project (Project) has broad support at the local, State and Federal Levels. Below is a list of letters in support of the RAISE funding request. Copies are also attached.

- City of Rancho Cordova
- Congressman Kevin Kiley
- National League of Cities
- Representative Ami Bera
- Senator Laphonza Butler
- Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG)

### 2022 TCEP Letters of Support

The State of California awarded \$3,000,000 to the Project for final engineering design through the Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP). Below is a list of letters in support of the funding request. Copies are also attached.

- Aerojet Rocketdyne/Easton Development Company
- City of Rancho Cordova
- County of Sacramento, Department of Waste Management & Recycling
- Sacramento Transportation Authority
- Somers West
- Stoneridge Quarry
- Teichert Materials
- Van Vleck Ranch



February 26, 2024

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

**Subject: Letter of Support for FY 2024 RAISE Grant Program - White Rock Road and Grant Line Road Safety Improvement Project**

The City of Rancho Cordova extends its support for the Capital Southeast Connector Joint Powers Authority (Connector), in partnership with Sacramento County Department of Transportation and the City of Rancho Cordova, and its application for the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant. The proposed project aims to make crucial safety enhancements, bolster economic growth, and introduce multimodal transportation options along Grant Line Road, which aligns accurately with the community's needs.

The proposed improvements cover approximately 3.6 miles of roadway of Grant Line Road from White Rock Road to Chrysanthy Road. The project includes widening, repaving, and re-striping of the roadway, installing new streetlights along Grant Line Road, and constructing a paved Class I trail from White Rock Road to Chrysanthy Road. Notably, this project completes Sacramento County's Grant Line Road Safety and Freight Mobility Project.

The RAISE grant, awarded through a competitive process, seeks to fund projects enhancing safety, environmental sustainability, quality of life, mobility, economic competitiveness, state of good repair, partnership and collaboration, and innovation in surface transportation infrastructure.

The White Rock Road and Grant Line Road Safety Improvement Project addresses the goals of the RAISE grant by providing the following benefits:

- Connect workers to tens of thousands of jobs, fostering economic development.
- Reduce accidents, enhance visibility, and create safer travel conditions.
- Alleviate congestion, improving travel time reliability in a high-growth area.
- Enhance the state of good repair for existing infrastructure.
- Promote active transportation modes for commuting, exercise, and recreation.
- Develop regional partnerships with both public and private stakeholders.
- Increase parallel capacity to manage closures, accidents, or severe congestion on US 50.
- Improve the resiliency of a critical evacuation route during extreme weather events and emergencies.
- Link to ongoing improvements in the project area, contributing to the overall development.
- Elevate the quality of life for residents in the community.

The City of Rancho Cordova supports the Connector's RAISE grant application for fiscal year 2024. We believe this project will not only address critical safety concerns but also contribute significantly to the overall well-being and growth of the community.

Sincerely,

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David Sander, Ph.D.  
Mayor, City of Rancho Cordova

KEVIN KILEY  
3RD DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
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February 15, 2024

U.S. Department of Transportation  
Attn: Secretary Pete Buttigieg  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590

**Subject: Support for the FY 2024 RAISE Grant Program - Grant Line Road Safety Improvement Project, Phase 1.**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing to express my support for the Capital Southeast Connector Joint Powers Authority's application for the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program. The proposed project, in partnership with the Sacramento County Department of Transportation (SacDOT) and the City of Rancho Cordova (the City), will make crucial safety enhancements, bolster economic growth, address transportation network vulnerabilities, and provide multimodal transportation options along Grant Line Road, which aligns with the RAISE program goals.

The first phase of this project will enhance safety through shoulder widening, repaving, and re-striping for 3.6 miles along Grant Line Road between White Rock Road and Chrysanthy Road, while maintaining a two-lane facility. The key features included with the project are realignment of roadway curves for enhanced safety, installation of streetlights, and construction of a new paved Class I trail. This project links with the City's White Rock Road Safety and Congestion Relief Project and coincides with SacDOT's Grant Line Road Safety and Freight Mobility Project.

The RAISE grant, awarded through a competitive process, seeks to fund projects enhancing safety, environmental sustainability, quality of life, mobility, economic competitiveness, state of good repair, partnership and collaboration, and innovation in surface transportation infrastructure.

The Grant Line Road Safety Improvement Project, Phase 1 addresses the goals of the RAISE program by creating safer travel conditions, providing safe active transportation options, increasing parallel capacity to US 50, improving resiliency of a critical evacuation route, connecting workers to jobs, alleviating congestion, enhancing the state of good repair for existing infrastructure, developing regional partnerships, strengthening the transportation network, and elevating the quality of life for residents in the community.

This project will not only address critical safety concerns but also contribute significantly to the overall well-being and growth of the region. Therefore, I urge your full and fair consideration of this grant application consistent with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

Sincerely,



KEVIN KILEY  
Congressman, CA-03

February 15, 2024

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

**Subject: Letter of Support for FY 2024 RAISE Grant Program - Grant Line Road Safety Improvement Project, Phase 1**

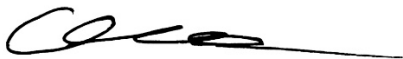
The National League of Cities (NLC) extends its support to the Capital Southeast Connector, City of Rancho Cordova, and County of Sacramento in their effort to increase the safety, resilience, and livability of the community through the Grant Line Road Safety Improvement Project.

NLC understands the importance of engaging federal partners to fund these transformational efforts and applauds these local organizations for collaborating to apply for federal funds available in the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program, in partnership with local agencies, to support its local community priorities. We are excited to see the agencies working collectively with community groups to further goals related to road safety, infrastructure revitalization, sustainability, and economic development.

Local agencies play an important role in creating and maintaining vital infrastructure like roads, bridges, and water treatment facilities. The Grant Line Road Safety Improvement Project is an excellent example of how infrastructure investments can yield considerable dividends for local and regional users.

The National League of Cities applauds the local elected officials, staff, and partners involved in this project and encourages you to seek all available federal funding to bring important projects like this to the people of the City of Rancho Cordova and County of Sacramento. This project will not only address critical safety concerns but also contribute significantly to the overall well-being and growth of the region and of our nation's cities, towns and villages more broadly.

Sincerely,



Clarence Anthony  
CEO and Executive Director  
National League of Cities

AMI BERA, M.D.  
6TH DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

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February 16, 2024

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Re: USDOT Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant –  
Connector JPA, SacDOT, and the City of Rancho Cordova Grant Line Road Safety Improvement Project,  
Phase 1

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

It is with great pleasure that I write to you regarding the Capital Southeast Connector Joint Powers Authority (the Connector JPA), in partnership with Sacramento County Department of Transportation (SacDOT) and the City of Rancho Cordova (the City), and its application for the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program. The proposed project will make crucial safety enhancements, bolster economic growth, address transportation network vulnerabilities, and provide multimodal transportation options along Grant Line Road.

The first phase of this project will enhance safety through shoulder widening, repaving, and re-striping for 3.6 miles along Grant Line Road between White Rock Road and Chrysanthy Road, while maintaining a two-lane facility. The key features included with the project are realignment of roadway curves for enhanced safety, installation of streetlights, and construction of a new paved Class I trail.

Through the development of regional partnerships with both public and private stakeholders, this project will create safer travel conditions with enhanced visibility and reduction of accidents, and increase parallel capacity to manage closures, accidents, or severe congestion on US 50. This project aims to address critical safety concerns while also contributing to the overall well-being and growth of the region. Thank you for your careful consideration of the Connector JPA, SacDOT, and the City of Rancho Cordova's application.

Be well,

Ami Bera, M.D.  
Member of Congress

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

February 20, 2024

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing to express my support for the Capital Southeast Connector Joint Powers Authority (Connector JPA) application to the U.S. Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity Discretionary Grant Program, for the proposed Grant Line Road Safety Improvement Project.

Connector JPA, in partnership with Sacramento County Department of Transportation and the City of Rancho Cordova, are requesting funding for the first phase of the project, which will enhance safety by improving a major thoroughfare in the City of Rancho Cordova. The proposed 3.6 mile improvement along Grant Line Road will provide a realignment of roadway curves for enhanced safety, installation of streetlights, and construction of a new paved Class I trail. If awarded, the project will bolster economic growth, address transportation network vulnerabilities, and provide multimodal transportation in the area. This project will elevate the quality of life for local residents and visitors in the region.

Thank you for your attention to this request. I urge you to give this application your full consideration. If you have any question, please do not hesitate to contact my San Francisco office at (415) 393-0707.

Sincerely,



Laphonza Butler  
United States Senator

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February 28, 2024

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

**Subject: Letter of Support for FY 2024 RAISE Grant Program - Grant Line Road**

On behalf of the Sacramento Area Council of Governments, I am writing to confirm that the proposed Project to realign 3.6 miles of an existing two-lane rural road and construct a new, adjacent Class 1 multi-use path on Grant Line Road from Chrysanthy Boulevard to White Rock Road is consistent with the Sacramento Region Trail Network Action Plan and the Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (MTP/SCS).

The Sacramento Region Trail Network Action Plan identifies a six-county network using 250 miles of existing trails and more than 800 miles of planned trails. Additionally, the 2020 MTP/SCS lays out a transportation investment and land use strategy to support a prosperous region, with access to jobs and economic opportunity, transportation options, and affordable housing that works for all residents.

The Project is also consistent with the MTP/SCS. It is designed to improve safety, equitable transportation, the movement of freight, transportation network sustainability, and active transportation opportunities along the corridor.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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James Corless  
Executive Director

## 2022 TCEP Letters of Support



September 15, 2022

Mitch Weiss  
Executive Director  
California Transportation Commission  
1120 N Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: Support for SouthEast Connector Grant Line Road Safety and Freight Mobility Project**

Dear Mr. Weiss:

I am writing on behalf of the Sacramento Transportation Authority to express our support for the SouthEast Connector Grant Line Road Safety and Freight Mobility Project (Project) grant application related to the Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP).

The SouthEast Connector Joint Powers Authority (JPA), the County of Sacramento (County), and the City of Rancho Cordova (City) have partnered to improve the safety and efficiency of a critical rural freight corridor. The Project will reconstruct 2.6 miles of Grant Line Road, a two-lane rural road with geometric deficiencies that has significant heavy truck traffic due to existing quarry and landfill operations.

The Project will facilitate and improve access to US 50, providing regional benefits to the freight network and direct benefits to the cities of Rancho Cordova and Folsom, and Sacramento County.

The Project aligns well with the TCEP grant criteria, particularly freight throughput and safety. The improvements will increase freight velocity, reliability, and throughput. The increased capacity allows local quarries to meet market demand reducing truck trips from neighboring counties and thus decreasing regional vehicle miles traveled and associated greenhouse gas emissions and diesel particulate.

The Project also addresses current safety issues detrimental to freight carriers and the traveling public by correcting geometric deficiencies in the alignment, such as a 25 mph advisory curve and lack of shoulders. This roadway segment has one of the highest collision rates along the SouthEast Connector.

Finally the Project is included in the Sacramento Area Council Of Governments (SACOG) 2020 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (MTP/SCS).

On behalf of the Sacramento Transportation Authority, we urge you to fund this Project. I appreciate your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kevin M. Bewsey, PE  
Executive Director



September 12, 2022

California Transportation Commission  
1120 N Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SUPPORT FOR CAPITAL SOUTHEAST CONNECTOR: GRANT LINE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS**

Donald Terry  
*Mayor*

Linda Budge  
*Vice Mayor*

David M. Sander  
*Council Member*

Siri Pulipati  
*Council Member*

Garrett Gatewood  
*Council Member*

Dear Commissioners,

The City of Rancho Cordova is invested in the long-term success of the Capital SouthEast Connector Expressway. We believe its construction will provide immediate safety, economic prosperity, and goods movement benefits both locally and regionally. As a member agency in the Joint Powers Authority (JPA), we are directly involved in the Project's implementation and are represented on the Board of Directors.

We recognize the critical importance of SB 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act. This landmark funding program continues to provide funding to a variety of City programs allowing us to rehabilitate, repair, and maintain our local streets and roads. And now, we are pleased to submit a project to participate in the Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP) with the JPA.

Our joint TCEP application, the **Grant Line Road Safety and Freight Mobility Project** ("Project"), will upgrade Grant Line Road to a four-lane expressway with a Class 1 bike path from Douglas Road to White Rock Road (approximately 2.6 miles). The Project aligns well with the TCEP grant criteria; the improvements increase freight velocity, reliability, and throughput. It incorporates active modes, transit prioritization at traffic signals, and smart corridor technology. Along its alignment, the Project has mining and quarry operations, generating large volumes of rural freight with heavy trucks.

The Project also addresses safety issues detrimental to freight carriers and the traveling public. It corrects geometric deficiencies in the alignment, such as a 25 mph advisory curve, no shoulders, drainage flooding, and utility poles inches from the edge of travel way. Unfortunately, this roadway has the highest collision rates along the 34-mile SouthEast Connector. The road is also prone to closures due to flooding in the winter and wildfires in the summer.

On behalf of our City, we urge you to fund the SouthEast Connector and appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Donald Terry  
Mayor, City of Rancho Cordova



September 27, 2022

California Transportation Commission  
1120 N Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: FOR CAPITAL SOUTHEAST CONNECTOR: GRANT LINE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS**

Dear Commissioners,

Aerojet Rocketdyne, located in Sacramento, California, is an innovative, technology-based company with the creative minds of more than 5,000 employees, providing innovative solutions to its customers in the aerospace and defense markets. Over our 100+ year history, Aerojet Rocketdyne products have played a significant role in powering the nation's military aircraft and defense systems. Aerojet Rocketdyne and its employees have been critical to the nation's defense and exploration of space for decades, and today stands at the forefront of the journey back to the Moon and onto Mars.

Aerojet Rocketdyne Holdings, Inc., via its real estate division Easton Development Company, LLC, is also a major landowner in southeastern Sacramento County. Easton and Aerojet Rocketdyne have been collaborating on new uses for much of the land along the Hwy 50 Corridor and we have been working with Sacramento County and the Cities of Folsom and Rancho Cordova as supporters of the Capital Southeast Connector Project since its inception.

As a major landowner, developer and employer in Sacramento with a facility directly along the Capital SouthEast Connector, we strongly support the next phase of proposed Southeast Connector improvements to Grant Line Road. Grant Line Road has large volumes of heavy trucks due to adjacent mining operations, the County Landfill, and the movement of cargo to and from Mather Airport. The existing narrow two-lane roadway is dangerously insufficient for today's uses. The proposed improvements will improve safety, reduce congestion, reduce VMT's and provide access to well-paying jobs and new development opportunities.

On behalf of our companies and many employees, we urge you to fund this Project and appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

Aerojet Rocketdyne, Inc.

*David C. Hatch*

David C. Hatch  
Vice President and Chief Operating Officer  
Easton Development Company, LLC

**Ann Edwards**  
**County Executive**



**County of Sacramento**

**Dave Defanti,**  
**Deputy County Executive**  
**Community Services**

**Waste Management and**  
**Recycling**  
**Keith Goodrich – Interim**  
**Director**

October 25, 2022

California Transportation Commission  
1120 N Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SUPPORT FOR CAPITAL SOUTHEAST CONNECTOR: GRANT LINE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS**

Dear Commissioners,

Sacramento County started operations at the Kiefer Landfill (Landfill) in 1967. The Landfill employs about 40 staff and for the last 50+ years has been proud to serve residents and commercial customers of Sacramento County seven days a week, 365 days per year. The Landfill facility sits on 1,084 acres near the intersection of Kiefer Boulevard and Grant Line Road, and consists of 660 acres of disposal area with more than 117 million cubic yards of total capacity. To date, Kiefer has placed approximately 40 million cubic yards of waste.

The facility also includes two Gas-to-Energy Plants that remove gases from disposed solid waste. Gas generated at the landfill produces approximately 14 megawatts of electricity, and powers roughly 10,000 homes in the Sacramento area. This conversion of a waste by-product to clean energy has reduced Green House Gas emissions by more than 4 million metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>.

As the Sacramento area's regional landfill with a facility along the Capital SouthEast Connector, we look forward to working with the Capitol Southeast Connector to finalize subsequent improvements, specifically arriving at an alignment that meets the goals of improved transit as well as recognizes existing facility needs such as the existing Kiefer Wetland Preserve. We support the proposed Capital SouthEast Connector improvements to Grant Line Road between Douglas Road and White Rock Road. The proposed improvements will improve safety, reduce congestion, and provide access to well-paying jobs. On behalf of Kiefer Landfill, we urge you to fund this Project and appreciate your consideration.

Keith Goodrich  
Interim Director  
County of Sacramento, Department of Waste Management & Recycling

# SOMERS WEST

November 1, 2022

California Transportation Commission  
1120 N Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SUPPORT FOR CAPITAL SOUTHEAST CONNECTOR: GRANT LINE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS**

Dear Commissioners,

Somers West is a Sacramento-based land development company that has owned land in the area for several decades. We believe smart development can help address our most pressing social and environmental issues, from the housing crisis to climate change.

Along the SouthEast Connector alignment, Somers West has owned the 2,667-acre Braden Property (formerly Cordova Hills) for nearly two decades. Approved in 2013, the community is designed as a complete ecosystem to include 8,000 residences accessible to a diverse range of incomes, 35% open space, four schools, neighborhood retail and office.

With growth reaching Braden's borders and major lifestyle shifts in how we work and live, we believe the time is right to make the major investments required to launch this community.

The community is designed as a walkable, bikeable community where destinations are never more than a 10-minute walk or eco-ride away. Braden's first phase is a mixed-use town center oriented to accommodate a diverse range of housing, with dining and neighborhood retail as well as flexible work options from traditional office to co-working spaces.

Our climate action plan includes elements such as fully electrified neighborhoods, tree-lined, pedestrian friendly streets, 75 miles of bike paths and lanes and community wide electric mobility with connection to Sacramento's light rail. These investments will result in dramatically lower greenhouse gas emissions as compared to other cities/communities in the state.

As a local landowner and business owner in Sacramento, we support the SouthEast Connector improvements. The SouthEast Connector will provide much needed regional connectivity to employment and multi-modal centers and support smart growth areas that accommodate eco-friendly transit alternatives.

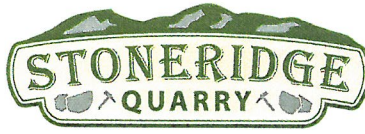
On behalf of our company, we urge you to fund the Southeast Connector.

Sincerely,



Charles Somers  
CEO

Angelo G. Tsakopoulos  
Katherine Tsakopoulos



**Stoneridge Quarry, LLC**  
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November 9, 2022

California Transportation Commission  
1120 "N" Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support for Capital Southeast Connector: Grant Line Road Improvements

Dear Commissioners,

Tsakopoulos Investments is a family-owned business located in Sacramento for over sixty years. We have multiple projects throughout the greater Sacramento area and we strive to develop sustainable communities that meet the social, economic, and environmental needs of our residents in an increasingly challenging housing market and economy. Also, we have a permitted aggregate quarry, Stoneridge Quarry, approved by the County of Sacramento, which will serve the construction materials needs for the region for one hundred years. These construction materials are a critical part of residential construction and related roadways and infrastructure, and our region requires that nearby construction materials distribution be readily practicable lest we desire those materials be imported from other regions, resulting in not just increased vehicular emissions but the loss of local sales tax generation. For those reasons and several others, we have been and continue to support the Capital Southeast Connector, and strongly encourage your commission to fund the Grant Line Road Safety and Freight Mobility Project.

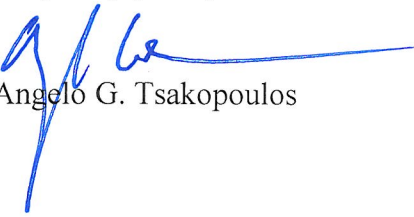
The Grant Line Road segment of the Capital Southeast Connector is a critical component to providing commercial access and distribution of goods throughout the County of Sacramento. It has been for several years a two-lane road, and the time is far past due for the State to recognize the value of this corridor and fund it accordingly. In addition to the local benefits, the Grant Line Road segment would also serve to cut several miles of each vehicle trip between the Folsom area of Sacramento County and Interstate 5 and Highway 99 by creating a more direct path of travel, instead of the existing circuitous path that requires vehicles travel through the Interstate 5/Highway 50 interchange and/or the Highway 99/Highway 50 interchange. The totality of all shortened trips would result in a significant reduction of vehicle miles traveled with a commensurate reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.

Areas west of Grant Line Road have been identified by the County of Sacramento as future smart growth areas that would help the County attain its greenhouse gas reduction goals while providing a developable area to meet the County's housing needs. Likewise, both the City of Rancho Cordova and City of Elk Grove have similar needs and goals,

and the Grant Line Road improvements would help facilitate the distribution of construction materials to this region, and state funding assistance would contribute greatly to overcoming the physical and economic roadblocks our region faces in developing our housing stock.

We strongly encourage the California Transportation Commission to fully consider and fund the Grant Line Road improvements of the Capital Southeast Connector. An investment in this infrastructure will translate into future benefits to Sacramento County for decades to come.

Very truly yours,

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Angelo G. Tsakopoulos



## TEICHERT MATERIALS

September 23, 2022

California Transportation Commission  
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Sacramento, CA 95814

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### RE: SUPPORT FOR CAPITAL SOUTHEAST CONNECTOR: GRANT LINE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

Dear Commissioners,

A Teichert & Son (Teichert) is a family owned construction and construction materials company operating in California since 1887. We hold the oldest active contractor's license in the State of California at #8. As such, Teichert is, and historically has been, committed to our family of employees, high quality of work, strong customer satisfaction, high standard of safety, and giving back to the community.

Teichert Materials is one of the largest aggregate producers in the State, with a major processing plant and asphalt plant strategically located on Grant Line Road. The plant can generate several million tons of rock, sand, gravel, and asphaltic concrete annually. We are also a material supplier to other contractors and operators. Our locally sourced products have played a vital role in the construction of infrastructure projects as well as residential and commercial development projects throughout the greater Sacramento region.

Over the decades, Teichert has seen a steady increase in the demand for building materials as the region's population grows. To meet the demand, Teichert has secured use permits which will allow our quarry and mining facilities to continue operating in Eastern Sacramento County and provide locally sourced materials for years to come.

As a major employer in Sacramento with a significant investment in our operations along the Capital SouthEast Connector, we support the proposed SouthEast Connector improvements to Grant Line Road. With its large volumes of heavy trucks due to mining operations, the County Landfill, and cargo movement to and from Mather Airport, the existing narrow two-lane roadway is insufficient for today's uses. The proposed improvements will improve safety and reduce congestion while further allowing for goods movement to meet the market without from an established location.

In addition to improving safety, the Connector will have a significant positive near-term and long-term financial impact on the Sacramento region by improving the distribution of materials critical for construction projects and increasing access to well-paying jobs.

On behalf of our company, we urge you to fund this Project and appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

Michael Smith  
Aggregate Resource and  
Government Affairs Manager  
Teichert Materials



September 16, 2022

California Transportation Commission  
1120 N Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SUPPORT FOR CAPITAL SOUTHEAST CONNECTOR: GRANT LINE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS**

Dear Commissioners,

Van Vleck Ranch is a family-owned ranch that has been operating since 1856. Our ranching and resource operations reflect our proud part in California's history and ensure its bright future.

The Van Vleck family embraced sustainable practices on the ranch long before it was "in" to do so. For generations, we have passed down the fundamental understanding that our livelihood is connected to the land and environment. Part of our sustainability practices include:

- Conserving and enhancing almost 3000 acres for permanent ranching open space
- Serving as a teaching site for USDA on practices to improve water and land quality
- Working with the South Sacramento Conservation Agency and the CA Department of Fish and Wildlife to establish and enrich species habitat and wildlife continuity

A safe and reliable roadway network is vital for our Sacramento County operations. As a major producer and supplier of agricultural products in the Sacramento region, Van Vleck Ranch supports the SouthEast Connector improvements to Grant Line Road. The existing narrow two-lane rural roadway is in desperate need of modernization. We operate almost 6,000 acres in the immediate area of Grant Line Road. Our employees and my family ride on those roads very frequently and it is in dire need of safety improvements. More important than the stream of commerce, we want to keep our employees, their families and the those from our community that use that road safe.

I had the honor to serve for almost 10 years on the committee that worked

collaboratively to build South Sacramento Habitat Conservation Plan. To that end, I support the Project's mitigation strategy, which through the SSHCP, will add to an integrated agricultural and rangeland buffer along the southeastern edge of the Sacramento urban development area, shielding open lands from development pressures.

On behalf of our ranching family, we urge you to fund this Project and appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Stan Van Vleck