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SUBJECT: Request to Initiate a Measure "C" Plan Amendment to Provide Funding to Purchase Real Estate Options on High Speed Rail Heavy Maintenance Facility

Dear Mr. Boren:

Please consider this a formal request by the "Fresno Works" High Speed Rail Committee to the Fresno Council of Governments to initiate an amendment to the current Measure "C" Expenditure Plan. The purpose of the amendment would be to set aside \$1.5 million for the purchase of real estate options associated with the High Speed Rail Heavy Maintenance facility.

The source of the requested funding would come from a Measure "C" amendment that was approved by the Fresno COG Policy Board in September 2010. That amendment set aside \$25 million in funding from the Measure "C" Rail Consolidation program specifically for High Speed Rail Maintenance Yard development issues "contingent" upon Fresno being awarded the site. As the issue of High Speed Rail continues to evolve in California, there is now strong consensus among the Fresno Works Committee members that in order to be competitive with the other San Joaquin Valley communities seeking the Heavy Maintenance facility, it is critically imperative that we have the proposed Heavy Maintenance facility real estate under our control "prior" to the High Speed Rail Authority making their decision on the location of the Heavy Maintenance facility.

Going further, in terms of process and schedule, it is our understanding that the request to initiate the Plan Amendment would begin with the COG Policy Board at its July 28th, 2011 meeting, and if approved, then move forward to the Fresno County Transportation Authority Board for their concurrence on the initiation of the amendment at their August 17, 2011 meeting. Assuming that both Boards approve the amendment initiation request, the amendment would then move forward through the COG process in September 2011 and on to the COG Policy Board for approval at their September 29th meeting. Once approved, the amendment would then move forward to the Fresno County Transportation Authority Board for its approval at their October 12, 2011 meeting.

In closing, if you should have any questions regarding the above request please feel free to call either one of us at (559) 600-3000 or (559) 600-2000.

Sincerely,

Supervisor Henry Perea
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Supervisor Susan Anderson
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