

SAMPLE LETTER

July 28, 2011

[Address]

Dear Commissioners (CEC)

On behalf of the Fresno Council of Governments (Fresno COG), I am writing in support of the development & construction of The City of Reedley and Kings Canyon Unified School Districts Central Valley Transportation Center (CVTC). This innovative state-of-the-art project is a multi agency partnership with a consolidation of services within our region; the project is located on approximately 40 acres that has been purchased in southeast Reedley adjacent to the City of Reedley's Industrial park & the newly constructed Sports Park. Both the CEQA and NEPA have been completed and the Joint Powers Authority/CVTC is in process of finalizing plans to start Phase I with grants already secured for the alternative fueling infrastructure.

The JPA/CVTC board members have recently met with the Economic Development Agency (EDA) in an attempt to secure \$3 million to help construct the workforce training center, a centerpiece of the CVTC. According to the EDA our project is an excellent candidate and a fundable project as it meets many of EDA's requirements and goals with the potential of creating over five hundred new **Green jobs** over the next few years. EDA has encouraged us to apply for the next funding cycle with their full support.

The Central Valley Transportation Center will serve and support the transportation needs of our communities, city, county, school district, other governmental organizations, and public, private school partners. These needs include, but are not limited to, providing alternative fuels not currently available such as bio diesel blend fuels, E-85, compressed natural gas, hybrid electric both slow and fast charging ports, and ethanol blend fuels. Other shared needs also include service and repair for clean air retrofit devices, vehicle wash service, preventative maintenance, secure and safe parking, safety inspections, plus train the next generation of green technicians.

This facility will be a state-of-the-art High Performance LEED certified project that will include 1.5 mega watts of photovoltaic energy and is designed to serve and support our newly acquired green fleet, Hybrid Electric School Buses to demonstrate to the region a sustainable **Green technology**, while protecting the environment.

This project uniquely combines shared resources from the School District and City of Reedley to mitigate environmental problems and help address our rising operational costs while taking seriously needed steps to attack the second dirtiest air quality in our nation. This project will be a model to be replicated throughout the state.

This project will incorporate career technical opportunities, workforce training center, photovoltaic training and internships in the clean air vehicle technology and fuel arena for students and adults in one of the most impoverished regions in the nation. Reedley College one of our JPA partners has committed to provide the educational training at this facility when constructed. This Regional Transportation Center will help build a stable workforce in a region devastated with high unemployment

rates ranging from 32% - 42% and will combine our dwindling and limited resources while expanding full time employment opportunities in the region devastated by these high unemployment rates.

We respectfully request your support for The Central Valley Transportation Center (CVTC). Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Amarpreet Dhaliwal, Chair
Mayor, City of San Joaquin