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Susan Bransen, Executive Director
California Transportation Commission
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Subject: Trade Corridor Enhancement Program – Sorrento to Miramar Phase 2 Intermodal Improvements Project

Dear Ms. Bransen:

On behalf of the Circulate San Diego, whose mission is to create excellent mobility choices and vibrant, healthy neighborhoods, I am writing to express my strong support for the Sorrento to Miramar Phase 2 Intermodal Improvements Project submitted by the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) to the California Transportation Commission for funding consideration under Trade Corridor Enhancement Program.

This project is a critical improvement project located on the state’s busiest rail corridor. It closes a gap by building a second track and straightens several curves along the slowest section of the corridor between San Diego and Los Angeles. Further, the speed restrictions along this section restrict operational reliability and flexibility, which result in delays for both passenger and freight services.

The completed project would double track a major corridor between two critical employment centers in the San Diego region. The requested grant funding would help leverage significant TransNet investments (the half-cent local sales tax for transportation projects) in transit infrastructure, while advancing regional sustainability and mobility goals.

I would like to express my strong support for the Sorrento to Miramar Phase 2 Intermodal Improvements Project, and appreciate your consideration to fund this critical rail improvement.

Sincerely,

Colin Parent

Executive Director and General Counsel, Circulate San Diego