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Susan Bransen, Executive Director
California Transportation Commission
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Subject: Solutions for Congested Corridors Program - San Diego North Coast Corridor: Build NCC Phase 1

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 San Diego North Coast Corridor: Build NCC Phase 1 (Build NCC) project submitted by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) for funding consideration under the Solutions for Congested Corridors Program.

The Build NCC project will address critical transportation needs along the Interstate 5 (I-5) corridor, while helping to reduce congestion, enhance the coastal environment, strengthen the economy, and improve quality of life in the San Diego region. These investments will support the completion of the first phase of the North Coast Corridor Program - a multimodal package of improvements including 27 miles of high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes on I-5, double-tracking the Los Angeles-San Diego-San Luis Obispo rail corridor, replacing aging lagoon bridges, building new bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and preserving or restoring more than 200 acres of natural habitat.

The result of unprecedented collaboration between local, regional, and state agencies and stakeholders, the Build NCC project is “shovel ready”— its design is complete, all approvals and permits have been secured, the contractor is on-board, and use of the Construction Manager/General Contractor project delivery method ensures that any new funding can be used to fast-track subsequent construction within three to six months.

By combining a “fix-it first” approach with forward-looking, sustainable solutions, the Build NCC project provides an innovative and balanced approach to increasing capacity on San Diego’s only viable rail link to the national network and relieving congestion on one of the nation’s busiest highways.

Again, I would like to express my strong support for the Build NCC project application. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Colin Parent". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Colin Parent

Executive Director and General Counsel, Circulate San Diego