



California Partnership for the  
**San Joaquin Valley**

October 25, 2011

Secretary Ray LaHood  
United States Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

**Subject: Partnership Support for San Joaquin Valley TIGER III Projects**

Dear Secretary LaHood,

On behalf of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley (Partnership), I am writing to express support for several regionally significant projects in the San Joaquin Valley that are currently under consideration for TIGER III program funding.

The Partnership, created by Executive Order in 2005 by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, brings together experts and leaders from throughout the eight-county San Joaquin Valley region (Valley), to promote and take action towards sustainable economic development, environmental stewardship and human advocacy. Driven by the activities of ten work groups and guided by a ten year Strategic Action Proposal, the Partnership strives to mobilize the essential government and civic leadership to “grow a diversified, globally competitive economy supported by a highly skilled workforce, attain clean air standards, build a 21<sup>st</sup> century transportation mobility system, and implement an integrated framework for sustainable growth.”

The work of the Partnership is built on a network of experts throughout the region, including the eight Regional Transportation Planning Agencies of the Valley that comprise the San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council. Collectively, the RTPAs and the Regional Policy Council selected and endorsed the list of projects below, each meeting the TIGER III program criteria for long term benefits for the nation, and near term economic activity and job creation, as well as the goals and objectives of the Partnership's strategic action proposal. Therefore, the Partnership is pleased to support the following San Joaquin Valley TIGER III applicants:

- San Joaquin County, **Port of Stockton**
- Stanislaus County, **West Park Rail**
- Stanislaus County, **Kiernan Interchange**
- Merced County, **Los Banos Bypass Segment I**
- Fresno County, **Manning Avenue Widening**
- Tulare County, **SJV Short Haul Rail Phase I**
- Kern County, **Westside Parkway Tie-In**

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Thank you in advance for your consideration of these project applications for TIGER III program funding. The San Joaquin Valley benefits greatly from the regional coordination between the Partnership and the Regional Policy Council, and we appreciate the opportunity to support our partners in their work to improve the quality of life in the San Joaquin Valley.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Dozier". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "M" and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Mike Dozier  
Lead Executive  
California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley