

APPENDIX B
US-101 CSMP Charter

Charter for Development and Implementation of Corridor System Management Plan US 101 from Winchester Canyon in Santa Barbara County to Rice Avenue in Ventura County

This Charter is between the California Department of Transportation, Districts 5 and District 7 (hereinafter, Districts), Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC) & Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG). This Charter is intended to act solely as a guide to the respective obligations, intentions and policies of the partners and Districts to use in new development for US 101 between Winchester Canyon and Rice Avenue. This Charter addresses the principles and practices, system management process, roles and responsibilities and commitment of the responsible partners. This Charter is not designed to authorize funding for the project effort, nor is it a legally binding contract. It is the intent of this Charter to establish a mutual cooperative effort between Districts and partners for the improvement of US 101.

Purpose

The purpose of this charter is to document the commitment of Caltrans (Districts 5 and 7), to cooperate in the development and implementation of a Corridor System Management Plan (CSMP) covering the US 101 corridor in southern Santa Barbara and northern Ventura Counties.

This charter will also document the intent to involve all transportation partners, including jurisdictional authorities, to offer support and assistance in both developing and implementing this CSMP.

This charter formalizes the commitment by all of the transportation partners to the concept for joint development and ongoing implementation of the CSMP for corridor management and performance measurement. Initial efforts will include but not be limited to scoping the effort and developing a workplan. Continued outreach and involvement of local agencies, modal operators and other stakeholders is the intent of this Charter.

Main Objective

The main objective of the CSMP is to manage the corridor using the established principles and practices of system and corridor management, and performance measurement for sustained corridor performance. The plan will be used as an integral tool for managing the corridor and expediting the delivery of projects to achieve the highest mobility benefits, across all jurisdictions and modes, for both regional and interregional travelers.

CSMP Products

The CSMP will assess the corridor's current performance and identify congestion causes by testing alternative improvement scenarios. It will then propose the best options for the following: improvements, strategies and actions to restore throughput, travel times, reliability, safety and corridor preservation. The CSMP will be developed using existing data, studies and plans as appropriate.

Collaboration

Developing a CSMP is complementary to, and consistent with, federal provisions for a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive planning process among transportation partners. This effort supports federal congestion management system (CMS) requirements for Transportation Management Areas (TMAs) as well as provisions for the state congestion management program (CSMP) and SAFETEA-LU. These both support increased emphasis on system and corridor management, and performance measurement, in both metropolitan transportation plans and real-time traveler information.

Roles and Responsibilities

It is understood that all transportation partners, and other key stakeholders, will meet regularly, including technical advisory committee meetings, to address the following activities and decisions:

- Agreement to a work plan, timeline, and roles and responsibilities for developing the CSMP and identification of resources needed
- Review draft products to include initial performance assessments and technical documents
- Coordinate corridor planning and evaluation efforts, and share information relating to corridor performance measurement and improvement
- Identify opportunities for heightening the awareness and understanding of the mobility benefits of system and corridor management by the public, local agencies and other jurisdictional authorities

Commitment

In signing this charter, SBCAG, VCTC and Districts agree in concept to the development and implementation of a Corridor System Management Plan (CSMP) covering the US 101 corridor in northern Ventura and southern Santa Barbara Counties.

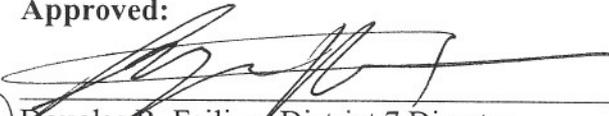
In addition, the transportation partners will seek to involve local agencies and jurisdictional authorities for support and assistance in both developing and implementing the CSMP.

All parties agree that the department, regional agencies, local jurisdictional authorities and modal operators are all partners in developing an effective CSMP to guide corridor management for the highest productivity, reliability, safety and preservation based on performance assessment and measurement. The plan shall be developed such that improvement needs and projects identified in the CSMP to restore and improve corridor productivity will be eligible candidates for all categories of federal, state, regional and local funding as applicable.

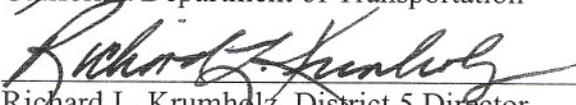
All parties also agree that this corridor's productivity can only be restored and improved through a collaborative planning and management effort of all the transportation partners. They also acknowledge that restoring the corridor's productivity is vital to the state, regional and local economies, and quality of life and safety for all travelers. Community support is

critical to the successful implementation of the plan and the partners agree to involve the public and other stakeholders in the development of the CMSP as appropriate.

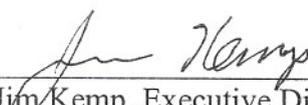
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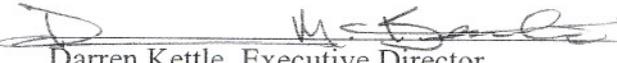
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