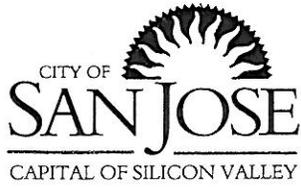


Item #16



Chuck Reed
MAYOR

May 28, 2008

Mr. John Chalker
California Transportation Commission
LM Capital Group, LLC
401 B Street, Suite 920
San Diego, CA 92101

RE: Securing Traffic Light Synchronization Project (TLSP) grant funding for the City of San José

Dear Commissioner Chalker:

I am writing to request your support of staff's recommendation to award \$15 million toward the Traffic Light Synchronization Program in San José.

The City of San José has approximately 900 traffic signals, the majority of which are operated with 20 year old traffic signal controller equipment. The City also has a partly developed traffic signal communications system that allows for signal synchronization and central management from a Traffic Management Center (TMC). The Prop 1B TLSP grant will allow for a full Citywide build-out of a "state-of the art" traffic management system.

This grant will also provide great congestion relief by eliminating 840,000 hours of vehicle delay, and providing an annual delay savings of \$50 million to travelers. This relief in congestion will save consumers 625,000 gallons (or \$2.5 million) in reduced fuel costs.

When congestion is reduced, it has great environmental impacts on harmful greenhouse gas emissions. This grant will assist in reducing vehicle emissions damaging to air quality by 36 tons and reduce carbon dioxide emissions by 21,000 tons annually.

I appreciate your consideration of this very important project. Please do not hesitate to contact me for any assistance at (408) 535-4821.

Sincerely,

Chuck Reed
Mayor

Cc: Members of the California Transportation Commission
John F. Barna, Jr., Executive Director, CTC
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