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City Manager's Office

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Dario Frommer, Chair
California Transportation Commission
1120 N Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Cartmill Avenue Interchange Project — State-Local Partnership Program Funding

Dear Commissioner Frommer:

Thank you for allowing the City of Tulare to present at last week's California Transportation Commission meeting. In response to questions raised by Commissioners with regard to the project and various economic impacts and data, here is a summary of information:

- In 2010, Tulare County produced $4.8 billion in agricultural commodities. The more than 120 different crops produced are both consumed within California and the United States, as well as shipped to 89 countries. Most exports start on a truck using State Route (SR) 99. In fact, US Cold Storage alone has two City of Tulare facilities that ship between 1–2 million pounds per day in about 100 trucks on SR-99 going to 22 countries.

- There are 230 independent trucking companies in Tulare County; ten of them call the City of Tulare home, including Knight Trucking and Ruan Trucking. The owner of Love's trucking center (SR-99 exit 85 at Paige/Blackstone Avenue) estimates that 600 trucks per day are serviced at their Tulare location. Major industrial companies such as Land O' Lakes, Saputo, Haagen Dazs, and Kraft Foods operate trucks from within the City of Tulare onto SR-99. Lowes, Home Depot, and Walmart located in the immediate vicinity of Cartmill Avenue are also major sources of goods being shipped by truck.

- Approximately 6,000 deliveries are made by semi-truck per year including hundreds of postal/message deliveries, in addition to deliveries made by UPS

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and Fed/Ex (daily 2 times each, and an estimated 1,400 special deliveries per year between them). Hundreds of tour buses per year travel through this route (about 600 of them annually stop at the Tulare Outlet Mall, which is served by the Cartmill Avenue Interchange).

- In 2010, the California Department of Transportation, Division of Transportation Planning, Office of Goods Movement identified SR-99 through Tulare County as a priority region and corridor. The Business, Transportation and Housing Agency has identified the Central Valley, including Tulare County, as one of the four priority regions for goods movement in the State of California. The City of Tulare is the only incorporated city on the SR-99 corridor in Tulare County.

Thank you again for your consideration of this very important project to the City of Tulare. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at (559) 684-4200.

Sincerely,

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City Manager

Enclosures

Cc: Members, California Transportation Commission
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