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Re: Goods Movement Action Plan

Dear Secretary McPeak and Secretary Lloyd,

I am excited at the progress of your agencies in developing the Administration's Goods-Movement Action Plan, and am confident your work will result in much-needed improvements to California's transportation infrastructure. As the Plan continues to progress, I would like to advocate my unequivocal support for a project that I believe can help fulfill both the Plan's environmental and goods-movement goals.

The Clean Air Partners Transportation System, or CAPTS, is the ideal plan for reducing petroleum consumption, diesel emissions and traffic congestion in the Southern California goods-movement sector. The project entails running a LNG shuttle train from the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach through the Alameda Corridor to an inland distribution center in the Antelope Valley, where containers would be unloaded, and then loaded onto trucks for delivery to there final destination.

The CAPTS demonstration model has the potential to remove up to 200 trucks a day (one round trip daily) from the roads and highways surrounding the twin ports, providing significant congestion relief as well as significant reductions in diesel emissions through the use of LNG technology. The project has already received a $3.4 million grant from the South Coast Air Quality Management District, as well as additional funds from the US EPA.

I encourage you to give serious consideration to CAPTS as you continue to develop transportation priorities for the Goods Movement Action Plan, and I would appreciate the opportunity to engage in further discussions on this important project. If you want additional information on the CAPTS project, please visit www.captsrail.com, and I have also enclosed a brochure.

Sincerely,

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