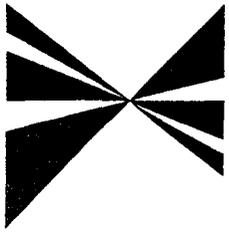


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Mr. Barry Sedlik  
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Dear Mr. Sedlik:

The following comments on the State's draft Goods Movement Action Plan Phase II Progress report are submitted by SCAG on behalf of the staff of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, the Orange County Transportation Authority, the Riverside County Transportation Commission, San Bernardino Associated Governments, and the Ventura County Transportation Commission, as well as our own staff.

We appreciate the State's leadership on this critical issue. The Governor's proposal to provide bond funds to address both infrastructure and environmental improvement needs is particularly welcome, and we look forward to a positive outcome.

We believe that the State Goods Movement Action Plan should rely on regional efforts to identify and reach consensus on goods movement system strategies. The Regional Transportation Plan reflects our current consensus, which is being refined via the collaboration of the counties, Caltrans and SCAG on the Multi-County Goods Movement Action Plan.

State funds should be allocated to the regions on the basis of performance according to criteria that are the same for all regions and for the state. Regions should be able to apply for state funds based on a showing of system-wide performance, along with a demonstration of the ability to raise matching funds. The regions' ability to match state funds will depend on their ability to attract private sector investment on the basis of added value through productivity gains.

The concerns of the environmental and community group participants in the State Goods Movement Action Plan have made it clear that environmental improvement efforts must proceed in lockstep with infrastructure investments. Otherwise, no infrastructure projects will proceed to implementation no matter how compelling their mobility benefits.

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As you may know, the County Transportation Commissions and SCAG are working with the federal agencies to develop a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). This non-binding MOU would express the intent of the federal, state, and local agencies to collaborate to resolve Southern California's issues with goods movement. The state's participation in this MOU is essential both to the multi-level collaboration, and to proper recognition of the role of the State Goods Movement Action Plan in resolving this region's challenges.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this important plan and look forward to working with you to ensure that it reflects our region's consensus strategy.

Sincerely,



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