



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

NADIA LOCKYER
Supervisor, Second District

May 17, 2011

Mayor Mark Green
Chair, Alameda County Transportation Commission
1333 Broadway, Suite 300
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mayor Green:

I am writing to you to express my support for the Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) to agendaize an informational item regarding the California Department of Transportation (CalTrans) State Highway 84 Safety Improvement Project. This project has generated a significant amount of community opposition. The community has raised a number of concerns, including impacts to the environment, CalTrans' outreach process and increased truck traffic.

In a meeting with CalTrans earlier this year, the agency agreed to look into modifications to the project to minimize the visual impacts of the retaining walls. However, I don't believe that this will address all of the community's concerns. As a result of the town hall meetings that our state representatives held in March and April, CalTrans agreed to reopen the comment period for the second phase of the project. This is a positive step forward, as further comment and dialogue on phases two and three should lead to a consensus that still addresses safety, the impacts to the environment and the preservation of the scenic value of the route.

As you know, the City of Fremont has begun to study a ban on trucks on California State Highway 84. I support Fremont's action. CalTrans accident data indicates that trucks are involved in 38% of the accidents in the corridor, and I have personally witnessed many large 18-wheelers on Highway 84. Like Interstate 580, Highway 84 is a state scenic route and would benefit from a truck ban.

While Alameda CTC does not have authority over a state highway, it is the County's primary transportation body and should provide the public and our commissioners with information regarding important transportation projects occurring in the County. Additionally, in its role as the Congestion Management Agency, the Alameda CTC should evaluate the project's impact on an identified congested intersection in unincorporated Alameda County: Pleasanton Sunol Road at Highway 84. This intersection received a Level of Service F rating when assessed in the 2010 LOS Monitoring Study.

I believe that a presentation from CalTrans on its plans for Highway 84 will provide Alameda CTC valuable information that can be used to address congestion in the area. I respectfully request that this item be brought to the Alameda CTC for review and discussion.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nadia Lockyer", with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Nadia Lockyer

Supervisor, Second District

CC: Alameda County Transportation Commissioners
City of Fremont Mayor and Councilmembers
~~Art Dao~~, Executive Director