

Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors

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The Honorable Anthony R. Foxx
Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LA Metro) and co-applicant California Department of Transportation are seeking an award of \$81.2 million in FASTLANE discretionary funds for America's Global Freight Gateway – Southern California Rail Project. Demonstrating its strong regional backing, the project is also being supported by implementing agencies the Port of Los Angeles, the Port of Long Beach, and the Alameda Corridor-East (ACE) Construction Authority. These agencies are long-standing members of the Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors (CAGTC), a national group dedicated to improving our nation's freight infrastructure.

Southern California is home to the largest port complex in the western hemisphere, handling more than 40 percent of our nation's imports and nearly 30 percent of exports. Approximately half of these goods are transported to and from the port via the Alameda Corridor-East, a federally designated, nationally significant rail corridor.

If awarded, funds will: add and improve track adjacent to marine terminals at both ports, improving on-dock rail capacity and operations for freight trains; and create grade separations at two high-priority crossings along Union Pacific Railroad owned and operated rail mainlines that accommodate 21 percent of all waterborne containers entering/ exiting the United States. By removing freight bottlenecks, increasing the use of on-dock rail, and grade-separating high priority crossings along the inland rail corridor, this approach will yield transportation efficiencies for the nation, while reducing local community impacts from the growing levels of freight traffic.

As an organization, we support investments in freight infrastructure. We hope you'll consider the America's Global Freight Gateway – Southern California Rail Project application. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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