

**Board of Supervisors
County of San Bernardino**

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SUPERVISOR, FIRST DISTRICT



January 25, 2018

California Transportation Commission
Susan Bransen, Executive Director
1120 N Street, MS-52
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Local Partnership Program Grant Application Support for the City of Hesperia

Dear Executive Director Bransen:

As First District Supervisor of San Bernardino County, I am pleased to write this letter supporting the City of Hesperia's request for \$3.9 million in 2018 Local Partnership Program (LPP) funding for the Rancho Road Widening Project ("Project"), which consists of creating additional capacity to a five-mile section of Rancho Road between Interstate 15 and Seventh Avenue.

The Project has been identified as a regionally significant project as east-west mobility and access to and from Interstate 15 (I-15) are among the most significant transportation deficiencies within the Victor Valley. The Project will promote commerce by facilitating the movement of freight, reduce congestion and greenhouse gases and improve circulation, air quality and safety response times for emergency vehicles.

This Project is a key traffic management element benefiting the eastern and southern half of the City, as well as commuters from neighboring cities including Victorville and Apple Valley. The Project will also alleviate congestion on Bear Valley Road, the most heavily traveled east-west corridor in the region.

As Hesperia continues to grow, infrastructure improvements and expansions are vital. I am proud to support Hesperia's endeavor to secure funding from the LPP in order to fill the funding gap that is needed to complete the Rancho Road Widening Project. I hope you will give this worthwhile project your utmost consideration.

Sincerely,

ROBERT A. LOVINGOOD
First District Supervisor
Chairman, San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors