



August 4, 2009

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**Re: City-County-State-Federal-Cooperative Committee**

Dear Denix:

Thank you for the continued opportunity to hold a dialogue with you and your colleagues at Caltrans regarding the City-County-State-Federal-Cooperative Committee (CCSFCC) in these times of economic hardship for the state and local jurisdictions. We value our continued participation and look forward to finding a productive solution to ensure to longevity of this dynamic group.

We understand that given the current state budget, you and your Department have been directed to reduce staff time by 15 percent in areas that are not mission critical. As you know, our local agencies are also facing deep cuts that impact all levels of the local transportation system, including our dedicated staff. However, this is the time when our agencies should be communicating more, not less. This way we can ensure efficiency in project delivery, adherence to guidelines, and streamlined communications – all vital to bringing our regions and state out of the economic slump and of critical importance.

While we cannot conduct CCSFCC “business as usual” there are some simple solutions that could benefit all of the stakeholders at the table. Some potential solutions include holding an abbreviated conference call in lieu of two in person meetings (to provide project updates and status reports), using a voice recorder for note taking in lieu of an on-site staff person, or relying on the Division of Local Assistance Web site to distribute information.

In February of this year we boasted about our “10 Year Accomplishments,” none of which would have been possible without the dedicated membership. Our members are committed to continuing our involvement and we sincerely hope the Division of Local Assistance shares this sentiment. We look forward to reconvening at our October 1, 2009 meeting so we can discuss the best solutions that will ensure the continuation of the CCSFCC with all vital partners moving forward in the same direction.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Peter Rei in black ink.

Peter Rei  
President  
County Engineers Association of California  
Tuolumne County Public Works Director

Handwritten signature of Larry Patterson in black ink.

Larry Patterson  
President, Public Works Officers Department  
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cc: Randy Iwasaki, Director, California Department of Transportation