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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**INTERSTATE 710 MAJOR CORRIDOR STUDY
GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS-COUNTY AGREEMENT
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1, 2, AND 4
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Approve and instruct the Chair of the Board to sign the enclosed agreement between the County of Los Angeles and the Gateway Cities Council of Governments providing for the County to pay an assessment in the amount of \$35,000 for its share of the study cost for Fiscal Year 2002-03.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Interstate 710 (I-710) Corridor is the principal transportation connection between the County of Los Angeles and the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles. It is an essential component in the regional, Statewide, and national transportation system as it serves both goods movement and passenger needs. The Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles rank third in world container sea trade and represent the nation's most important port region. Port-related truck traffic has a significant influence on the existing conditions along the corridor. Currently, trucks account for 45 to 60 percent of freeway capacity, and this traffic is expected to grow substantially due to the extension of the ports, interstate freight movement, weekday commute traffic, and weekend recreational traffic. By the year 2020, it is expected that demand will exceed capacity on the I-710 Corridor.

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To adequately address all the interrelated issues of transportation, economic redevelopment within the I-710 Corridor, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, the California Department of Transportation, the Southern California Association of Governments, and the Gateway Cities Council of Governments have undertaken the I-710 Major Corridor Study to seek ways to improve travel conditions along the I-710 Corridor and adjacent surface streets from the State Route 60 to the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach. The goal of the study is to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the overall transportation system within the corridor, and based on results of this evaluation, produce a complete corridor plan to identify a preferred alternative.

The corridor is about 18 miles and includes the following Cities: Bell, Bell Gardens, Commerce, Compton, Cudahy, Downey, Huntington Park, Long Beach, Lynwood, Maywood, Paramount, South Gate, and Vernon, and unincorporated County areas. Representatives from these Cities and a representative from the Port of Long Beach form the I-710 Corridor Cities Committee. The Oversight Policy Committee consists of the I-710 Corridor Cities Committee, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, the California Department of Transportation, and the Southern California Association of Governments.

Your Board's approval of the enclosed agreement is necessary to allow for the County of Los Angeles to become a full voting member of the Oversight Policy Committee for the I-710 Major Corridor Study and to pay \$35,000 for its share of the study cost for Fiscal Year 2002-03.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action meets the County's Strategic Plan Goal of Organizational Effectiveness by utilizing a collaborative effort between various agencies to undertake a study for the improvement of travel conditions along the I-710 Corridor. It also meets the goal of Service Excellence since the study may ultimately result in a project that will enhance the safety of motorists traveling on the Long Beach Freeway Corridor, which will improve their quality of life.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The agreement provides for the County to pay \$35,000, following execution of the agreement, to the Gateway Cities Council of Governments. Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2002-03 Road Construction Program of Supervisorial Districts 1, 2, and 4 on an equal basis.

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FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The agreement has been approved by the Gateway Cities Council of Governments and approved as to form by County Counsel.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

Since the enclosed agreement does not constitute the approval of a project pursuant to Section 307 of the County of Los Angeles Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, the proposed action is not subject to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This action will result in no impact to current services or projects.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval, please return the copy marked "CITY ORIGINAL" to us for processing together with one approved copy of this letter. The copy marked "COUNTY ORIGINAL" is for your files.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel