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Jeff Irwin
Federal Surface Transportation Board
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Dear Mr. Irwin:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), in cooperation with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), is nearing completion of the Final EIR/EIS for the High Desert Corridor Project (HDC). The project is proposed as a Strategic Multipurpose corridor extending 63 miles between State Route 14 in Los Angeles County and State Route 18 in San Bernardino County. The recommended project includes a freeway, highway, tollway and high speed rail modes as well as bikeway and green energy production/transmission elements. Specific details are in the enclosed CD.

Since your agency had been identified as a cooperating agency under SAFETEA-LU Section 6002, I am providing you with a courtesy CD of our HDC Administrative Final EIR/EIS document. Please be aware that this is a preliminary version which is still undergoing refinements prior to final approval. The primary areas being revised deal with the Jurisdictional Delineation and the electric power connection to HDC.

If you have suggestions or specific revisions that would improve any areas within this document, please provide them to us by March 10th, 2016. If that is not possible, be assured that you will also have an opportunity to comment on the Final EIR/EIS between the time it is approved and the time when the ROD (or RODs) is distributed. We look forward to our continued partnership with your agency. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (213) 897-0703 or Karl Price at (213) 897-1839 or karl.price@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Karl Price

for RONALD KOSINSKI
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