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Contents of Supplement: Letter of Support

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Attached please find a Supplement to **File ID16-1489 (2-J)** . The supplement is an additional Letter of Support. The title of the item is as follows:

Actions pertaining to development at Blackstone and Shaw:

- 1 RESOLUTION – In support of a proposed development by Erganian Family Partnership at Blackstone and Shaw, and Blackstone and Freeway 41
2. RESOLUTION – Authorizing the submission of the Blackstone and Shaw streetscape project application for grant funds from the Regional Surface Transportation Program to the Fresno Council of Governments and authorizing the execution of application related documents by the Public Works Director or designee

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Re: Erganian Family Partnership Development at Blackstone, Shaw, and Freeway 41 and Application for Grant Funds for the Blackstone and Shaw Streetscape Project

Dear Fresno City Council President and City Councilmembers:

The Fresno Council of Governments (Fresno COG) is responsible for administering the Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) and for the long range planning activities involved with the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). We are excited to see projects like the Erganian Family Partnership Development project at Blackstone Avenue, Shaw Avenue, and Freeway 41, as well as the associated Blackstone Avenue and Shaw Avenue Streetscape Project being implemented throughout our region. The Blackstone and Shaw intersection is one of the most highly traveled areas in Fresno and with the mixed-use development being proposed for this key area, we are confident that it will be exemplary for the City of Fresno as a whole and will entice other areas of the region to also move in the same direction. In addition, the proposed streetscape and pedestrian improvements clearly support an expanding walkable district at this mid-town location that will be served by the Bus Rapid Transit system currently being constructed by the City of Fresno. The combination of the mixed-use development, expanding walkable area, and connectivity to the Bus Rapid Transit system will reduce greenhouse gas emissions associated with transportation in this area and assist the Fresno County region in meeting the greenhouse gas emissions targets set by the State of California.

Furthermore, this project is consistent with several goals outlined in the Fresno COG 2014 RTP, including the following goals listed on pages 6-5 and 6-6 in the 2014 RTP:

- An efficient, safe, integrated, multimodal transportation system.
- Improved mobility and accessibility for all regardless of race, income, national origin, age, or disability.

- City of Clovis
- City of Coalinga
- City of Firebaugh
- City of Fowler
- City of Fresno
- City of Huron
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- Safe, convenient, and continuous routes for bicyclists and pedestrians of all types which interface with and complement a multimodal transportation system.

This proposed project is also directly in line with the goals and project eligibility requirements for the RSTP. Eligible uses of the funds include asphalt concrete pavement overlays and reconstruction, capacity enhancing projects, traffic signals and safety projects, transit improvements, landscaping, and street lighting projects.

Fresno COG lends its support to these projects and looks forward to reviewing the project application for consideration of future funding when the funding opportunity becomes available for the region. We are confident that the development efforts by the Erganian Family Partnership combined with the proposed public streetscape improvements from the City of Fresno will reap significant multi-modal and active transportation related benefits for Fresno in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tony Boren". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Tony Boren
Executive Director