



TO: COUNCIL PRESIDENT TYLER MAXWELL D4, COUNCIL VICE-PRESIDENT ANNALISA PEREA D1, COUNCILMEMBER MIKE KARBASSI D2, COUNCILMEMBER MIGUEL ARIAS D3, COUNCILMEMBER LUIS CHAVEZ D5, COUNCILMEMBER GARRY BREDEFELD D6, COUNCILMEMBER NELSON ESPARZA D7

CC: FRESNO CITY MAYOR, JERRY DYER, FRESNO CITY MANAGER, GEORGEANNE WHITE, GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS DIRECTOR, JOHN ELLIS

FROM: SCOTT MILLER, PRESIDENT & CEO, FRESNO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

RE: CALTRANS INTERCHANGE ACCESS AGREEMENT AMENDMENT – SOUTH FRESNO STATE ROUTE 99 CORRIDOR PROJECT

Dear Council President and Councilmembers,

On behalf of the Fresno Chamber of Commerce, I would like to extend our support for the Caltrans Interchange Access Agreement, which is a critical component of the South Fresno State Route 99 Corridor Project.

The significance of this project is paramount, given the pivotal role Highway 99 plays as a major transportation corridor for both residents and businesses in Fresno. Notably, two interchanges, essential to Fresno's economic vitality, have remained unchanged since their initial construction in 1965. The proposed reconstruction and expansion of these nearly 60-year-old interchanges promise comprehensive benefits for our city, encompassing but not limited to:

- Reduce traffic congestion along a main arterial of Highway 99.
- Facilitate a smoother flow of traffic through the interchanges.
- Lessen near-term vehicle emissions.
- Reduce traffic accidents and collisions.
- Include wider shoulders to accommodate bicycles.
- Build sidewalks, curbs, gutters, lighting and signalization, and stormwater system

Continued investment in Fresno's infrastructure improves our community, encourages economic development, and ensures that Fresno can continue to thrive for generations to come.

We appreciate your time and consideration and respectfully urge the Council to adopt the revised Interchange Access Agreement. If you would like to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me at 550-250-4992 or at [REDACTED]. We look forward to working with you and staff to help keep Fresno's economy moving.

Sincerely,

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Scott Miller, President & CEO
Greater Fresno Area Chamber of Commerce