



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

May 17, 2017

The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

I want to follow up on our meeting where we discussed the Caltrain Electrification Project. This project will reduce congestion on our freeways and reduce commute times for tens of thousands of people.

Since our meeting Congress appropriated \$100 million for Caltrain electrification in the budget bill that the President signed two weeks ago. These funds come on top of \$73 million in prior appropriations. Congress thus has demonstrated that it wishes to move this project forward. All that is required for Caltrain to access this dedicated funding is your approval of the \$647 million Full Funding Grant Agreement.

The state of California and local partners have committed to covering two-thirds of project costs. In fact, the state just completed a successful bond issuance to fund construction of high-speed rail, and we look forward to a similar bond sale for the Caltrain Electrification Project.

Time is of the essence. This project is ready for construction now. In fact, construction and vehicle bids expire June 30. I hope you will agree that now is the time to approve this common-sense infrastructure project and put hundreds of Americans to work.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edmund G. Brown Jr.", written over the printed name.

Please call me if you have any questions.