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June 30, 2020

Mitch Weiss, Executive Director  
California Transportation Commission  
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P.O. Box 942873  
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**RE: CTC 2020 Local Partnership Program**

Dear Executive Director Weiss:

Thank you for your commitment to investing in our nation's infrastructure. I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the Town of Apple Valley's Dale Evans Parkway at Waalew Road Realignment and request your full consideration of their \$680 thousand 2020 Local Partnership Program (LPP) application.

This proposed project will not only improve motorist circulation and reduce traffic congestion, but it will also lower greenhouse gas emissions and provide for multimodal transportation all while creating new north-south capacity to one of the fastest growing areas in San Bernardino County.

I recognize the importance of transportation infrastructure projects such as the Dale Evans Parkway at Waalew Road Realignment and appreciate the Town's goal of creating improved conditions favorable to the community. The LPP award will help fund realigning Dale Evans Parkway on the north leg to align with Dale Evans Parkway on the south leg, installing traffic signals, and improving pedestrian crossing points.

As the State Senator representing Apple Valley, I believe the residents of Apple Valley and the entire region will be well-served by this project, given that Apple Valley's project provides multiple benefits and is important not only for this community, but the entire state as we strive to improve the roadways that connect us all. I am proud to endorse and support the Town of Apple Valley's efforts to pursue funding for the LPP project. As the Town and region continues to experience rapid growth, it is more important than ever that infrastructure be updated to meet the growing needs of my constituents. I respectfully ask that you give serious consideration to this worthwhile project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott Wilk".

SCOTT WILK  
Senator, 21<sup>st</sup> District

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Mitch Weiss, Executive Director  
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**RE: Support for the Dale Evans Parkway at Waalew Road Realignment**

Dear Executive Director Weiss:

I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the Town of Apple Valley's application to the Local Partnership Program (LPP) for the realignment of Dale Evans Parkway at Waalew Road.

Dale Evans Parkway connects between U.S. Highway 18 to the south and Interstate 15 (I-15) to the north. It is a major divided parkway that currently intersects with Waalew Road with an offset, creating two T-intersections with an approximate distance of 400 feet separating them. This configuration increases the potential for conflicting turning movements from motorists, busses, and truck traffic. The proposed LPP project includes realigning Dale Evans Parkway on the north leg to align with Dale Evans Parkway on the south leg, installing traffic signals, and improving pedestrian crossing points.

Along Dale Evans Parkway, and to the immediate east of Dale Evans Parkway, lies a variety of large retail distribution centers, a Fire Department training center, Apple Valley Airport, and a Juvenile Detention Center that have increased the need for improved access to this north Apple Valley industrial area. In addition, Virgin Trains USA plans to build a high-speed rail station and maintenance facility at Dale Evans Parkway and the I-15, that will connect Southern California to Las Vegas. This Apple Valley station is expected to attract transit-oriented commercial and residential development in the surrounding area. Therefore, the realignment of Dale Evans Parkway is a critical infrastructure upgrade for the future of the area and its growth.

I believe strongly that this LPP grant project has the potential to remedy many local and regional goods movement, pedestrian safety, and congestion management transportation issues, provide non-motorized access improvements, and by so doing, reduce greenhouse gas emissions that will benefit the public health and environment. Apple Valley's project provides multiple benefits and is important not only for this community, but the entire state as we strive to improve the roadways that connect us all.

Thank you for your consideration of this important project. As the Town of Apple Valley and our region continues to experience rapid growth, it is critical that our roads are rehabilitated and updated to meet the growing needs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jay Obernolte", written over a printed name and title.

Jay Obernolte  
Assembly Member, 33<sup>rd</sup> District

June 25, 2020

Mitch Weiss, Executive Director  
California Transportation Commission  
1120 N Street, MS-52  
P.O. Box 942873  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Weiss:

The San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) is a supporter and regional funding partner for the Dale Evans Parkway and Waalew Road Realignment project. I am writing to request your highest consideration for State matching funds from the Local Partnership Program (LPP) which is needed to mobilize and complete the project. This project is a regional priority that will improve traffic congestion by realigning Dale Evans Parkway, adding traffic signals, and improving pedestrian crossing points.

SBCTA is responsible for cooperative regional planning and furthering an efficient multimodal transportation system countywide. As you may know, SBCTA also administers Measure I, the ½ cent transportation sales tax which supports freeway construction projects, regional and local road improvements, train and bus transportation, railroad crossings, call boxes, ridesharing, congestion management efforts, and long-term planning studies. Measure I was first approved in 1989 and in 2004. Eighty percent of voters extended the measure through 2040. SBCTA prioritizes and ensures that revenue from Measure I go towards the highest priority transportation projects in the region.

After nearly a decade of planning for this project, the LPP provides an unprecedented opportunity for the Town of Apple Valley to move forward with this project. Combined with the regional Measure I fund and an LPP award, the funding package will be complete.

Sincerely,



Steven Smith  
Director of Planning



June 26, 2020

Mitch Weiss, Executive Director  
California Transportation Commission  
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Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for the Dale Evans Parkway at Waalew Road Realignment

Dear Executive Director Weiss:

I am pleased to write this letter to express my support for the Town of Apple Valley's application to the Local Partnership Program (LPP) for the realignment of Dale Evans Parkway at Waalew Road.

DesertXpress Enterprise, LLC, doing business as XpressWest, is proposing to construct a privately funded high-speed rail line between Apple Valley, California, and Las Vegas, Nevada, along the existing Interstate 15 (I-15) alignment with the rail station and maintenance facility located near Dale Evans Parkway and I-15 in the newly annexed area of north Apple Valley. This Apple Valley station is expected to attract transit-oriented commercial and residential development in the surrounding area. This realignment of Dale Evans Parkway is a critical infrastructure upgrade for the future of the area and its growth.

South of the high-speed rail, Dale Evans Parkway is classified as a major divided parkway that currently intersects with an offset at Waalew Road, creating two T-intersections approximately 400 feet apart. This configuration increases the potential for conflicting turning movements from motorists, buses, and truck traffic. The proposed LPP project includes realigning this section of Dale Evans Parkway on the north leg with Dale Evans Parkway on the south leg, installing traffic signals, and improving pedestrian crossing points. The high-speed rail project is anticipated to attract transit-oriented commercial and residential development in the surrounding area, so this infrastructure improvement has the potential to remedy many local and regional goods movement, pedestrian safety, and congestion management transportation issues, provide non-motorized access improvements, and by so doing, reduce greenhouse gas emissions that will benefit the public health and environment.

Thank you for your consideration of this important project. As the Town of Apple Valley and the region continues to experience rapid growth, it is critical that the roads are rehabilitated and updated to meet the growing needs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sarah Watterson".

Sarah Watterson  
Chief Development Officer  
XpressWest





## APPLE VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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June 29, 2020  
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Subject: Support for the Dale Evans Parkway at Waalew Road Realignment

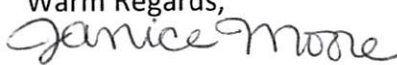
Dear Executive Director Weiss:

On behalf of the Apple Valley Chamber of Commerce, I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the Town of Apple Valley's plan to improve the intersection of Dale Evans Parkway and Waalew Road. This project will help in meeting our mission to promote a prosperous business environment in north Apple Valley industrial area. We anticipate that our membership of 500 businesses will grow to 600 soon. The transportation improvements being proposed have been planned for the past decade. With unprecedented growth and new opportunities for local and regional business development, now is the critical time to make an investment in California's High Desert.

Along Dale Evans Parkway, and to the immediate east of Dale Evans Parkway, lies a variety of large retail distribution centers, a Fire Department training center, Apple Valley Airport, and a Juvenile Detention Center that have increased the need for improved access to this north Apple Valley industrial area. In addition, Virgin Trains USA plans to build a high-speed rail station and maintenance facility at Dale Evans Parkway and the I-15, that will connect Southern California to Las Vegas. This Apple Valley station is expected to attract transit-oriented commercial and residential development in the surrounding area. Therefore, the realignment of Dale Evans Parkway is a critical transportation upgrade for the future of the area and its growth.

We look forward to the much-needed improvement of this critical regional intersection. Dale Evans Parkway serves as a gateway into Apple Valley from the north and gives our community a chance to welcome residents and visitors alike with a renewed, visually appealing, and higher functioning entry.

Thank you for your consideration of this important project. As the Town of Apple Valley and our region continues to experience rapid growth, it is critical that our roads are rehabilitated and updated to meet the growing needs.

Warm Regards,  
  
Janice Moore  
President/CEO

June 29, 2020

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**RE: Dale Evans Parkway at Waalew Road Realignment**

Dear Executive Director Weiss:

As Executive Director/CEO of Victor Valley Transit Authority (VVTA) I am writing in support of the Town of Apple Valley's application for the 2020 Local Partnership Program (LPP). The Dale Evans Parkway at Waalew Road Realignment project includes realigning Dale Evans Parkway on the north leg to align with Dale Evans Parkway on the south leg, installing traffic signals, and improving pedestrian crossing points. This realignment of Dale Evans Parkway is a critical infrastructure upgrade for the future of the area and its growth.

Dale Evans Parkway connects between U.S. Highway 18 to the south and Interstate 15 (I-15) to the north. It is a major divided parkway that currently intersects with Waalew Road with an offset, creating two T-intersections with an approximate distance of 400 feet separating them. This configuration reduces traffic flow and increases the potential for conflicting turning movements from our VVTA buses. Improved traffic flow is critically important for VVTA's "on time performance."

As the public transportation provider in the region, these vital improvements will allow VVTA to further improve service to its ridership, improve safety for the large number of motorists traveling from the Apple Valley Library on south end of Dale Evans Parkway to the Walmart Distribution Center on the north end of Dale Evans and decrease greenhouse gas emissions by reducing traffic congestion. Additionally, these improvements will improve public transportation access to employment for underserved portions of VVTA's service area and assists VVTA with its Environmental Justice concerns.

VVTA is appreciative of the Town's efforts to improve traffic circulation and consider this a project of titanic importance. This project will benefit local and regional residents, businesses, and visitors. It is for these reasons VVTA offers its support to the completion of this project so vital for our community. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Kevin Kane  
Executive Director  
Victor Valley Transit Authority

June 24, 2020

Mitch Weiss, Executive Director  
California Transportation Commission  
1120 N Street, MS-52  
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Sacramento, CA 95814

**Subject: Dale Evans Parkway at Waalew Road Realignment**

Dear Executive Director Weiss:

Please accept this letter of support for the Town of Apple Valley's request for \$680 thousand in 2020 Local Partnership Program (LPP) funding for the realignment of Dale Evans Parkway at Waalew Road. The proposed LPP project includes realigning Dale Evans Parkway on the north leg to align with Dale Evans Parkway on the south leg, installing traffic signals, and improving pedestrian crossing points. This realignment of Dale Evans Parkway is a critical infrastructure upgrade for the future of the area and its growth.

Dale Evans Parkway connects between U.S. Highway 18 to the south and Interstate 15 (I-15) to the north. It is a major divided parkway that currently intersects with Waalew Road with an offset, creating two T-intersections with an approximate distance of 400 feet separating them. This configuration reduces traffic flow and increases the potential for conflicting turning movements from emergency vehicles. Improved traffic flow is critically important for emergency vehicles that need to reach our full-service Emergency Department as quickly and efficiently as possible.

St. Mary Medical Center has grown to become a leader in medical excellence in the High Desert by continuing to plan and innovate for the future and the needs of the communities it serves. Our staff is made up of more than 1,750 employees and 450 physicians. Staff, patients, and their families will all benefit from transportation improvements that allow for an easier, safer, faster commute to and from our facility.

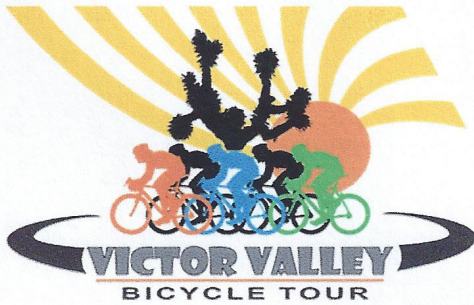
We know that the Town of Apple Valley has planned for important innovations in transportation. We hope you will recognize the importance of this vital project and provide matching funds to ensure its completion. As the Town of Apple Valley and our region continues to experience rapid growth, it is critical that our roads are rehabilitated and updated to meet the growing needs.

Warm Regards,

  
Kevin Mahany

Director of Community Health Investment





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June 25, 2020

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**RE: Support for Apple Valley's Dale Evans Parkway at Waalew Road Realignment Project**

**Dear Executive Director Weiss:**

On behalf of Victor Valley Bicycle Tour (VVBT), I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the Town of Apple Valley's request for \$680 thousand in 2020 Local Partnership Program (LPP) funding for the realignment of Dale Evans Parkway at Waalew Road.

The mission of VVBT is to raise awareness of safe bicycling in our communities and to promote cycling as a healthy lifestyle for both recreation and transportation. VVBT is a community organization that schedules an annual event to include a 10, 25, 50, or 70-mile bicycle rides that begin on the south end of Dale Evans Parkway and follows the roadway to the north end and returns. Since Dale Evans Parkway is a major divided parkway that currently intersects with an offset at Waalew Road, creating two T-intersections approximately 400 feet apart, planning the event route has been challenging as the parkway configuration increases the potential for conflicting turning movements from motorists versus cyclists. The proposed LPP project to realign Dale Evans Parkway on the north leg to align with Dale Evans Parkway on the south leg, installing traffic signals, and improving pedestrian and bicycle crossing points will be a welcome infrastructure improvement.

Thank you for your consideration of this important project. Apple Valley's project provides multiple benefits and is important not only for this community, but the entire state as we strive to improve the roadways that connect us all. As the Town of Apple Valley and our region continues to experience rapid growth, it is critical that our roads are rehabilitated and updated to meet the growing needs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thurston 'Smitty' Smith". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Thurston "Smitty" Smith  
**President, Victor Valley Bicycle Tour**

**Cc: VVBT Board Members**