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February 2, 2007

Ms. Jody Jones  
Caltrans, District III  
P.O. Box 911  
Marysville, CA 95901

Dear Ms. Jones:

As you know, the County is extremely anxious to build HOV Lanes on Highway 50 from the County Line to the proposed Casino near Greenstone Road. We have segregated this effort into three phases:

- Phase 1 - from the County Line to approximately Bass Lake Road
- Phase 2 - from the terminus of Phase 1 to Ponderosa Road
- Phase 3 - from the terminus of Phase 2, up to a logical terminus that would include the new Interchange for the Casino.

The County is already pursuing delivery of Phase 1 which should be under construction in 2008. For the Phase 2 effort, the County has requested your support to deliver this section under a Reimbursement Agreement with the County.

As you know, the environmental effort for the Phase 3 Section is not yet complete. However, the County believes there is little risk to continuing the design strategy from Phase 2 through the terminus of the Phase 3 Section and is, therefore, willing to enter a Reimbursement Agreement with Caltrans to perform all project delivery work necessary for the Phase 3 Section, where the design work would occur concurrently with the environmental work. Though not necessary, this concurrent, or "risk design" would position the anticipated construction of Phase 3 to coincide with Phase 2, which would allow Caltrans and the County to determine the most optimal construction schedules and bid letting.

Please advise if this letter is a sufficient Letter-of-Intent to allow you to begin work.

We look forward to continuing our partnership on improving the State Highway System.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Helen K. Baumann".

Supervisor Helen K. Baumann, Chairman  
El Dorado County Board of Supervisors