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Honorable James Spering, Chair
MTC Planning Committee
Metropolitan Transportation Commission
101 Eighth Street
Oakland, CA 94607

Honorable Mark Luce, Chair
ABAG Administrative Committee
Association of Bay Area Governments
P.O. Box 2050
Oakland, CA 94607-4756

SUBJECT: Inclusion of the James Donlon Boulevard as a “Committed” Project

Dear Commissioners Spering and Luce:

As part of the development of Plan Bay Area, MTC staff assessed the performance of projects submitted for inclusion in the next Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) for the Bay Area. The assessment identified Project ID # 230233, “James Donlon Boulevard/Expressway (Kirker Pass Road to Somersville Road) + Kirker Pass Road Operational Improvements,” with low performance target ratings. MTC and the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (our Congestion Management Agency) have informed the City of Pittsburg that in order for this project to be included in the next financially-constrained RTP, it must either: 1.) make a “compelling case”, or 2.) identify the project funding as local sources only (i.e. no federal funding).

The City of Pittsburg currently proposes to fund the James Donlon Boulevard Project entirely through local sources, and therefore should not be required to make a “compelling case” for inclusion in the financially constrained list of projects in the next RTP.

If you have questions or would like to discuss these comments further, please do not hesitate to contact me or my staff.

Sincerely,



Joe Sbranti
City Manager

Cc: Martin Engelmann, Contra Costa Transportation Authority