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**SUBJECT: TRANSPAC Project No. 1214 (Commerce Avenue Roadway Extension)
(City of Concord Project No. 1761)**

The City of Concord is requesting that TRANSPAC transfer \$830,000 in remaining Measure J funds from Project No. 24027 (Ygnacio Valley Road Permanent Restoration –Phase 2) to be reprogrammed to Project No. 1214 (Commerce Avenue Roadway Extension).

Project No. 1214 will rehabilitate the pavement surface of Commerce Avenue, extend it from its current terminus, construct a new bridge over Pine Creek and extend the road to the west to connect it to Waterworld Parkway. The project also includes widening Waterworld Parkway at its northern end, constructing a trail and pedestrian bridge south of the new road.

By way of background, in July 2006, Concord requested that \$1,020,000 of Measure C I-680 funds from the Commerce Avenue Project be reprogrammed to help construct an auxiliary lane on Ygnacio Valley Road after a landslide damaged the travel lane. The City was eligible for Emergency Relief funds through FHWA, but required a match. CCTA approved the request through Resolution #06-09P and provided an additional \$3.5 million in Measure J – Major Streets funds to extend the 420-foot tieback wall to approximately 1,000 feet and repair the damaged Ohlone trail adjacent to Ygnacio Valley Road, constructed with Emergency Relief funds. This work was completed in 2011. Lower construction costs than originally anticipated provided \$830,000 in savings to Measure J funds.

Project No. 1214 received environmental clearance under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in November 2009, and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in March 2010. The design phase of the project is complete and the plans and specifications will be submitted to Caltrans upon completion of the right-of-way phase. Concord has acquired right-of-way from three of five property owners. The City is currently negotiating with the fourth property owner and is answering design questions from the fifth property owner, Contra Costa County Flood Control. Delays based on right of way have increased the City's project costs.

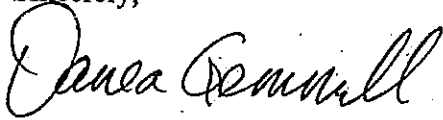
The Commerce Avenue project is currently funded by \$4,420,152 in Measure C I-680 funds, a \$1,600,000 federal earmark included in the SAFETEA-LU Transportation Bill, local traffic

mitigation impact fees and redevelopment funds. With the elimination of redevelopment funds in the project and additional costs necessary for right of way, Project No. 1214 needs the \$830,000 in Measure J saving to be fully funded. Please consider this request and include the Commerce Avenue Roadway Extension (Project No.1214) in the Measure J Strategic Plan.

If you need further information regarding the project, please feel free to contact me at 925-671-3470 or danea.gemmell@ci.concord.ca.us.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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