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March 8, 2012

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Dear Ms. Andersen:

STATE ROUTE 225 RELINQUISHMENT

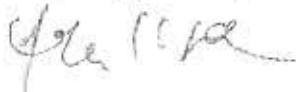
Thank you for your recent letter and for hosting a meeting in February to resolve issues that may allow the relinquishment to proceed. The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) offers the following in response:

- 1) **Cost to Relinquish:** The estimate is based on achieving a state of good repair. Previous correspondence included an itemized list of locations related to drainage improvements. The most recent estimate provided by your staff (attached) appears reasonable with one exception. Work on the retaining wall (Sta 33 + 60) should be deleted since Caltrans has initiated a project to repair the wall independently of the relinquishment. Refinements to this state of good repair estimate will be finalized during the development of the Project Scope Summary Report.
- 2) **Las Positas Bridge:** This bridge is in a state of good repair and Caltrans does not support the expenses associated with additional structural testing and investigation at this time. In the interest of the public good and to avoid unnecessary expenditures, Caltrans is willing to retain ownership of this bridge.
- 3) **Assumption of Liability:** The city must be willing to accept full responsibility as owner-operator of the facility. This responsibility is non-negotiable.

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I hope this serves to resolve the issues to the satisfaction of your city council. Please confirm with your intent to proceed in good faith and execute this transaction in the near future. With that, we would then refresh the schedule we provided in October 2011 and carry forward. Please contact me directly with any questions at (805) 549-3161.

Sincerely,



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Deputy District Director

Attachment

- c: Assemblyman Das Williams
Mayor Helene Schneider
Jim Kemp, SBCAG