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Re: Inglewood Transit Connector (ITC) Support Letter

Dear Ms. Wilcox,

I write to you today to express my strong support for the Inglewood Transit Connector (ITC) Project, and support of the City of Inglewood's application for funding from the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program, administered by the California State Transportation Agency. This project is a top priority for our region, and we must move with speed to bring it to completion.

The ITC will connect visitors to Inglewood's world-class housing and commercial centers, and sports and entertainment venues, while also bringing economic prosperity and freedom of movement to Inglewood residents. The 1.6-mile elevated, electrically powered automated transit system will effectively close a persistent first/last mile gap between the Metro K Line and Inglewood's core business district. It is also projected to take thousands of cars off the road every year, significantly reducing traffic congestion and greenhouse gases.

Over 90% of Inglewood's residents are people of color, many of whom are low-income. This community historically lacked investment and access to public transit, with most residents cut off from the wider LA Metro system and the regional economy. Without access to economic growth and good-paying jobs, Inglewood residents will continue to earn less and have fewer opportunities.

With many major events coming to Inglewood, including the upcoming 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games, providing clean and convenient public transit options is a critical necessity. It's long past time to address the historic lack of public transit that disproportionately harms low-income residents and communities of color.

The ITC Project is designed to provide significant connectivity, traffic reduction, economic prosperity, and quality of life benefits to the City of Inglewood. The ITC Project is overwhelmingly supported by the community, and we ask that you take the necessary steps to move this transformative project forward.

Sincerely,