



**STAFF REPORT**  
Board Meeting of July 22, 2020

**AGENDA ITEM:** 4-E

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**SUBJECT:**

Letter of Support for San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission's Trade Corridor Enhancement Program Grant application for the Stockton Diamond Grade Separation Project

**Enclosure:** Yes

**Action:** Information and Discussion Only

**SUMMARY:**

Staff prepared a letter of support regarding the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission's (SJRRRC) FY 2020 TCEP Grant application for the Stockton Diamond Grade Separation project. Funding of their request will allow SJRRRC to leverage State funds to construct a transformative rail infrastructure project to improve safety on the freight network, increase the efficiency of freight and passenger rail movement, provide improved access from the Port of Stockton to national and worldwide markets, and facilitate continued economic growth and competitiveness in the greater-Central Valley and San Francisco Bay areas. A copy of the letter is attached to this item.

Staff presented the letter to the MCTC Board during Items from Staff at the June 2020 MCTC Board Meeting. The request for the letter of support came in after the publishing of the June Board Meeting agenda and was needed before the July Board Meeting. The Board verbally agreed to issue the letter at the June meeting. The Board had previously approved support for this project in an April letter of support seeking funding for a Federal Build grant.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

No fiscal impact to the approved 2020-21 Overall Work Program and Budget.