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August 3, 2010

The Honorable Denise Ducheny
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 5035
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: Orange County Transportation Authority Neutral on SB 474

Dear Senator Ducheny:

On behalf of the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Board of Directors, I am writing to inform you that OCTA has removed its opposition to SB 474 (Ducheny, D-San Diego). SB 474 requires lead agencies, before utilizing specified design-build or public private partnership authority, to adopt a resolution identifying the anticipated benefits of the alternative project delivery method compared to traditional methods.

OCTA appreciates the latest amendments to SB 474, which more clearly resolve potential liability issues, and delete redundant reporting requirements. Because SB 474 no longer details specific findings a lead agency must make before utilizing alternative project delivery methods, a lead agency will no longer be required to show specific benefits; but could instead specify benefits not originally anticipated by the expanded alternative project delivery authority. In addition, by detailing the anticipated benefits at the beginning of the project, greater transparency will be granted to the public and stakeholders.

If you or your staff have any questions regarding OCTA's position on SB 474, please call Wendy Villa, State Relations Manager, at (714) 560-5595.

Sincerely,

Jerry Amante
Chairman

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