



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

I write today in response to the Federal Transit Administration's decision to delay approval of the Peninsula Corridor Electrification Project.

If there is an open-and-shut case for infrastructure, this is it. Caltrain serves more than 60,000 riders every weekday from San Francisco to San Jose, a number that has nearly doubled in the last ten years and is straining the system.

By electrifying the line, we can run more trains, cut commute times, save fuel costs, improve air quality, reduce noise, and ease traffic congestion by more than half-a-million vehicle miles each day, all while creating manufacturing jobs from Florida to Texas to Utah.

I urge you to let this grant move forward.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.

*Can we discuss this
on the phone?*