



San Diego-Imperial Counties Labor Council

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The Honorable Randy "Duke" Cunningham
U.S. House of Representatives
2350 Rayburn Building
Washington DC 20515-0550

Subject: Funding for SR-56/I-5 Connectors

Dear Congressman Cunningham:

I am writing to you in support of your efforts to seek federal funding for the two missing connectors that are needed to complete State Route 56 (SR-56) where it intersects at Interstate 5 (I-5). This important infrastructure project is critical to meeting the transportation needs of many of the San Diego businesses whose employees are represented by the San Diego-Imperial Counties Labor Council's 110 affiliated labor groups. Our members are the men and women who comprise 100,000 working families whose livelihoods are impacted daily by traffic congestion on our region's highways.

The completion of State Route 56, scheduled for 2004, will help reduce traffic congestion on our major north-south freeways in San Diego County. However, the lack of funding for the missing west-to-north and south-to-east connectors will result in freeway traffic being diverted to local streets which also will add to the congestion on I-5, I-805 and I-15.

The employees of many Labor Council member companies rely on I-5, I-805 and I-15 for travel to work and other destinations, and it is critical that the missing freeway connectors be funded to ensure that these and other businesses in San Diego remain competitive.

We hope you will continue to seek federal funding support for this vital transportation project in the transportation appropriation legislation in 2003. Thank you for your continued efforts on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Jerry Butkiewicz
Secretary-Treasurer

JERRY BUTKIEWICZ, *Secretary-Treasurer*

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