



April 30, 2021

Honorable Freddie Rodriguez
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 2188
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 744 (Rodriguez) - SUPPORT

Dear Assemblyman Rodriguez,

I am writing on behalf of the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) which serves more than 2.1 million residents and is responsible for cooperative regional planning and furthering an efficient multi-modal transportation system countywide. SBCTA is writing in support of Assembly Bill (AB) 744, which would allow the California Department of Transportation to relinquish approximately eight miles of State Route (SR) 83, also known as Euclid Avenue, to the City of Ontario.

Euclid Avenue is a major north-south arterial through the City of Ontario, as well as the City of Upland, and a key commercial, retail and residential corridor. AB 744 would require the Cities of Ontario and Upland to ensure the continuity of traffic flow, including any traffic signal progression, and maintain signs directing motorists to the continuation of SR 83.

Relinquishment of SR 83 will provide the opportunity to fully access the potential of this corridor in a strategic and efficient manner. Local control over future urban planning along this corridor will help streamline economic development and housing opportunities, and reduce congestion on local streets.

For these reasons, SBCTA strongly supports AB 744 and your efforts to bring greater local control of this critical roadway. If you have any questions regarding our position, please contact Otis Greer, Director of Legislative Affairs, at (909) 884-8276. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Frank J. Navarro
President, Board of Directors
San Bernardino County Transportation Authority

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