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Re: Federal Consistency Appeal -- Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency

Dear Sirs and Mesdames:

Last Friday I wrote to inform you that the Bren Center of the University of California Irvine withdrew its agreement to serve as the site for the hearing in this case. At that time we were exploring whether a hearing on July 25 was still viable in light of this new development. We have determined that it is not, because we have been unable to find a suitable alternative location that is available that day. As a result we will be publishing formal notice in the Federal Register cancelling the July 25 hearing. We are currently looking at later dates for a hearing and alternative sites that are consistent with our available budget.

As I said in my letter on Friday, we remain committed to providing the public a full and fair opportunity to participate in this proceeding. A public comment period that opened July 21 will remain open through August 4 as we look for alternate hearing sites. I will keep you apprised of the status of our efforts moving forward.

I would like to thank both parties for their correspondence over the last few days and for their proposals concerning these issues. Thank you also for your continued cooperation and patience in this matter.

Sincerely,

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