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Re: Motion for Extension of Length of Principal Brief in the Federal Consistency Appeal of Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency and Its Directors

Dear Ms. Huang:

This letter responds to Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency and its board of directors' (collectively, TCA) motion for an extension of length of TCA's principal brief in the above-referenced consistency appeal to 50 pages. The grounds for this motion are the Secretary of Commerce's request for briefing on a specific issue as well as the need for sufficient space for a full presentation on issues related to a project that has been in existence for nearly 30 years, with a large number of relevant agencies and participants.

The Secretary is vested with authority to "extend the time for submission, and length, of briefs and supporting materials for good cause." 15 C.F.R. § 930.127(g). After considering the submitted brief, we find good cause exists to grant the request. Accordingly, TCA's motion is **GRANTED**. The California Coastal Commission is likewise granted leave to submit a principal brief not to exceed 50 pages.



Questions should be directed in writing to both Thomas Street and Stephanie Campbell, staff attorneys, NOAA Office of the Assistant General Counsel for Ocean Services, at thomas.street@noaa.gov and stephanie.campbell@noaa.gov, respectively, with a copy to the opposing party.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joel La Bissonniere", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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