

APPENDIX A



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
MILITARY SURFACE DEPLOYMENT AND DISTRIBUTION COMMAND
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The Honorable David S. Kim
Secretary
California State Transportation Agency
915 Capitol Mall
Sacramento CA, 95814

Dear Secretary Kim:

The Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command Transportation Engineering Agency, through the Railroads for National Defense Program, works with the military services to identify military requirements for civil sector rail service on behalf of the U.S. Transportation Command. We work to integrate these needs into civil sector plans and, with the Federal Railroad Administration, we work to develop the Strategic Rail Corridor Network (STRACNET) which consists of key railroad lines most important to national defense.

The Department of Defense (DOD) relies on a well-maintained, fully functional civil rail network to support our national defense requirements. The rail line between Los Angeles and San Diego is designated as a STRACNET line. This line is important to national defense because it provides access to Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton and the Port of San Diego.

Any action that the California State Transportation Agency takes to increase the reliability of rail service between Los Angeles and San Diego will benefit national defense as well as benefiting the shipping and traveling public in southern California. While there is no defense funding stream for STRACNET lines, the national defense benefit of the Los Angeles - San Diego line should make a compelling case for receiving civilian transportation grants for improving its reliability.

If you have any questions, please call me at (618) 220-5741. Your efforts on behalf of national defense are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David P. Dorfman".

David P. Dorfman, P. E.
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