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Hello,

My name is Francis Appiah, Senior Environmental Planner and Mitigation Specialist with Caltrans. I am here to express my support for the SoCal Greenprint project and underscore the importance of data in planning for the future transportation needs of the state and region.

As Connect SoCal made clear, the future of the region's vitality and continued economic prowess depends on building enough homes and ensuring that the transportation network supports the region's mobility needs. That will mean increasing transportation options, continuing to expand the region's transit network and ensuring that roads and highways are safe and maintained.

Transportation projects and smart environmental planning go hand-in-hand. At Caltrans, we understand that any transportation project must consider how to best integrate nature and protect essential natural resources. A tool like the SoCal Greenprint will provide essential information to give us a baseline view of how projects can impact the natural environment and how to be efficient in our planning and development.

Access to information will make it easier for us to identify early challenges, proactively work with community members to build awareness and support, and better understand how to make our projects sustainable. We currently rely on many of the data sources that will be available in the SoCal Greenprint and making them publicly available in one easy-to-navigate location will be an invaluable resource to any planner, transportation agency or developer building any development project in the region.

We urge you to complete the SoCal Greenprint and make the resource widely available to all stakeholders.

Thank you,

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