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The Honorable Rich Gordon  
 Assembly Member, District 21  
 State Capitol, Room 3123  
 Sacramento, CA 94240-0021

**RE: Support of AB 2382 (Gordon) – Innovation District Demonstration Program**


Dear Assembly Member Gordon:

On behalf of the Cities Association Board of Directors, I write to you to express support for AB 2382, sponsored by The Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA). As you know, AB 2382 requires VTA and Caltrans to enter into a memorandum of understanding to implement the Innovative District. The goals of this demonstration program are to: (a) test out, on a small scale, innovative approaches for expediting project delivery and improving the department’s local assistance services; and (b) determine which approaches work well and could be applied by Caltrans on a statewide basis.

The Cities Association of Santa Clara County is a collaborative organization that represents the mutual interests of the diverse 15 cities of Santa Clara County. Each city appoints a city council member to the Board of Directors, which meets monthly. In its role as an advocate for the Santa Clara County cities, the Board of Directors addresses issues of mutual interest, promotes cooperation between the cities, and advocates for positive action to enhance the quality of life for the people of our county.

As a unified voice of the cities of Santa Clara County, the Cities Association recognizes that by serving as a testing laboratory for trying innovative approaches, the Innovation District Demonstration Program presents an excellent opportunity for taking the first steps in making Caltrans a better organization for our region. For those ideas that prove that they can work, Caltrans could then determine the best way to apply them throughout its operations, thereby stretching the benefits of the demonstration program throughout the state. The end result would be a more cost-effective, more efficient and more responsive business model in terms of delivering transportation projects and local assistance services to a geographically large and diverse state.

For these reasons and per the recommendation of our Legislative Action Committee on May 10, 2012, the Cities Association Board of Directors strongly supports AB 2382. Thank you for your exemplary leadership on behalf of our region.

Sincerely,  


Sam Liccardo  
 Council Member, City of San Jose  
 President, Cities Association of Santa Clara County

CC: Michael Burns, General Manager, Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority  
 Cities Association Board of Directors