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March 4, 2009

Ms. Laurie Goldman  
Friends of the Hollywood Cap Park  
1680 N. Vine Street, Suite 1000  
Hollywood, CA 90028

**RE: Hollywood Freeway Central Park**

Dear Ms. Goldman:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) is pleased to support the community initiative to create a bold and innovative urban park of 44 acres over the US 101 Freeway, from Hollywood to Santa Monica Boulevards, in the heart of the Hollywood community. We recognize this as an opportunity to;

- Create a demonstration project for sustainability
- Accommodate the community's much needed open space in a park poor area
- Become stewards of a cleaner mobility
- Be better neighbors
- Potentially pursue ultimate freeway improvements needed beneath the proposed park
- Develop and utilize cutting-edge green technology

The proposal addresses a fundamental, yet essential, component of the transportation system by encouraging a modal shift of single-occupant vehicles from our heavily congested roadways throughout Southern California to other modes for a more sustainable community and a stronger "sense of place" in the entertainment capital of the world. This is consistent with the Department's long-range plan, California Transportation Plan (CTP), which envisions a sustainable system that improves mobility and enhances our quality of life. Key to this vision is considering "the 3 E's"—a prosperous Economy, quality Environment and social Equity—in all transportation decisions.

The Department offers our full support for the community's ambition to re-connect the two sides of the freeway, in what is today a culturally rich and diverse neighborhood. For any questions, please contact me, or James McCarthy of my staff, Deputy District Director of Division of Planning, Public Transportation and Local Assistance, at (213) 897-0362.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. Failing".

DOUGLAS R FAILING  
District Director

cc: James McCarthy