



Los Angeles Area
Chamber of Commerce

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Ms. LaDonna V. DiCamillo
Director of Government Affairs
BNSF Railway
3770 East 26th Street
Los Angeles, CA 90023-4506

Dear Ms. DiCamillo:

I am writing to you to express the support of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce for the goals and objectives of BNSF Railway's proposed Southern California International Gateway (SCIG) in the Port of Los Angeles area.

The future of our region's economy will continue to be directly tied to international trade and goods movement. Since 1888, the LA Area Chamber's policy focus has been to open world trade opportunities and to build our transportation infrastructure to accommodate commerce. As 43 percent of the nation's imports enter through local seaports, we are focused on promoting LA and California as North America's premier world trade center.

Our region will continue to grow as our economy grows – it is our responsibility to make sure that we implement the best possible solutions on a regional basis to deal with the inevitable growth rather than to deny it. This project is a bold step in that direction. The SCIG is consistent with our vision for enhanced goods movement throughout the Los Angeles Region and will provide critical infrastructure improvements needed for our future economic growth.

In addition to the economic benefits, the SCIG also brings with it significant air quality, traffic and safety improvements by eliminating millions of truck-miles from local highways. This has a direct effect on improving the quality of life for the communities in the Port areas as well as those along the Interstate 710 Corridor and other freeways.

The SCIG is a well-thought project, and the LA Area Chamber looks forward to its completion in order to help foster the long-term health and continued success of the intermodal goods movement industry in our region.

Sincerely,

Russell J. Hammer
President & CEO