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Mr. Thomas W. Gwyn, Chairman
California Coastal Commission
45 Fremont Street, Suite 2000
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Dear Commissioner Gwyn:

I understand that your Commissioners considered a request from the North San Diego County Transit District for a Coastal Permit for the Encinitas Transit Center at your meeting in Long Beach on October 14, 1993. It is my further understanding that after considerable discussion, the Commissioners agreed to continue this item to a later meeting.

The purpose of my letter is to inform you of key actions the Board of Supervisors have taken on this project. A summary of these actions is given below:

- The Encinitas Transit Center has been included in our Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) since April 25, 1989. The Board has committed $1.3 million of County funds to this project with the North County Transit District providing the balance of the funding ($1.5 million).

- On March 13, 1990, the Board entered into an Agreement with the City of Encinitas and the North County Transit District to design and construct a transit center at D Street and Vulcan Avenue in the City of Encinitas. Under the terms of this Agreement, the facility is to include a bus element and a rail element.

- On July 13, 1993, the Board voted to include the Encinitas Transit Center in the County's FY 1993-94 to FY 2000-01 Regional Transportation Improvement Program. Additionally, we instructed out staff to finalize the design and manage the construction of this project.

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In 1987, the voters of San Diego County approved the "Proposition A" (Transnet) sales tax. This proposition included a specific list of transportation projects to be built with these Transnet funds. An Oceanside to San Diego commuter rail line was one of the projects. As one of only five stations in North County, the Encinitas Transit Center is an integral part of this project.

The Board of Supervisors has taken a leadership role in the development of transit centers county-wide. To date we have participated in the development of seven centers and we currently have an additional ten (including Encinitas) in planning or construction.

Our Board recognizes the important role that transit centers play in making public transportation easier to use. Decreasing traffic congestion and improving air quality are two goals that the development of transit centers help us achieve. I hope this letter clarifies the Board's position on this project. Please call me at 619/531-5511 if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

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Chairman

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