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1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.  
Washington, DC 20590

The Honorable Matt Rahn  
Mayor of Temecula  
Temecula, CA 92590

Dear Mayor Rahn:

Thank you for your letter supporting the application submitted by the French Valley Airport for a grant under the U.S. Department of Transportation's Small Community Air Service Development Program (SCASDP).

This grant program was established to help smaller communities address air service deficiencies, particularly issues related to unreasonably high airfares and insufficient air carrier service. Under 49 U.S.C. § 41743, the Department may make a maximum of 40 grant awards each year, although no more than four may be to communities in the same State. To provide communities with latitude in developing solutions to their air service deficiencies, the statute provides flexibility in the types of air service development projects that can be funded.

The Department issued an order on January 12, 2022, inviting communities to submit applications for a SCASDP grant and applications were due March 15, 2022. Please be assured that the Department will give full and fair consideration to all applications that have been properly submitted.

As is our standard practice, a copy of your letter and this response will be placed in Docket DOT-OST-2022-0003. Your interest in this program is appreciated.

Sincerely,



Brooke Chapman  
Associate Director

Small Community Air Service Development Program



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March 14, 2022

Brooke Chapman, Associate Director  
Small Community Air Service Development Program  
Office of Aviation Analysis  
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RE: Support for Impact Southwest Riverside County Small Community  
Air Service Development Federal Funding Request

Dear Associate Director Chapman:

I am writing to express my support of the Impact Southwest Riverside County application for a Small Community Air Service Development Program Grant.

Riverside County is working towards maintaining and improving air service at the French Valley Airport in an effort to support local businesses. This air service is needed by local businesses that try to compete in national and international markets. The development of the French Valley Airport directly translates to jobs and future development of Riverside County. Improved commercial air service at the French Valley Airport is also essential for Riverside County's economic progress. I'm pleased that Impact Southwest Riverside County have formed an active private-public partnership to push for and promote improved airline service and "Good Neighbor Policies" at the French Valley Airport. Increased airline service and strong operational policies are critical to ensure the success of this small urban airport.

For myself and many others that live and work in the Southwest Riverside County area, it is very important to have good airline service at the French Valley Airport. The current service out of French Valley Airport is non-existent and does not meet the region's needs. I understand that the award of a grant from the Small Community Air Service Development Program to Impact Southwest Riverside County will allow them to improve current air service and actively recruit air service for the community, all of which will ultimately assist in improving the economy of California while limiting impacts on surrounding neighborhoods.

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I respectfully request your thoughtful consideration of Impact Southwest Riverside County's proposal for funding from the Small Community Air Service Development Program, consistent with the Department's relevant rules and regulations.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please contact me at (951) 506-5100.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matt Rahn', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Matt Rahn

Mayor

City of Temecula