

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR
P.O. BOX 942873, MS-49
SACRAMENTO, CA 94273-0001
PHONE (916) 654-6130
FAX (916) 653-5776
TTY 711
www.dot.ca.gov



*Making Conservation
a California Way of Life.*

July 13, 2018

The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) supports the application of the El Dorado County Transportation Commission to the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD 2018) competitive grant program for the US 50 Camino Corridor Safety and Community Access Project Phase 2.

The El Dorado County Transportation Commission (EDCTC) is requesting BUILD 2018 funding to support a critical project for the region. This Project is both rural and regionally significant; located along US Highway 50, one of two routes accessing the Lake Tahoe Basin, in the community of Camino between Still Meadows Road and Upper Carson Road. This segment of US 50 has experienced collision rates higher than the state average over the last 10 years with 166 accidents and 9 fatalities. A safety and access mitigation project in the Camino Area of US Highway 50 has been studied extensively for three decades. Funding already dedicated to Phase 2 includes Highway Safety and Improvement Program Funds and local State Transportation Block Grant Program funds which will leverage BUILD 2018 funds to deliver Phase 2.

Caltrans strongly supports EDCTC's BUILD application for the US 50 Camino Corridor Safety and Community Access Project Phase 2. We believe this Project will significantly improve the safety, operations, quality of life, and emissions for travelers along the US 50 corridor. This Project is supported by multiple stakeholders along the corridor and would be difficult to fund through other means. Caltrans urges the USDOT to give EDCTC's application full consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Laurie Berman".

LAURIE BERMAN
Director

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR
P.O. BOX 942873, MS-49
SACRAMENTO, CA 94273-0001
PHONE (916) 654-6130
FAX (916) 653-5776
TTY 711
www.dot.ca.gov



*Making Conservation
a California Way of Life.*

July 13, 2018

The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) supports the application of the City of Rancho Cordova to the United States Department of Transportation's Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD 2018) competitive grant program for the White Rock Road Safety Improvements and Congestion Relief Project (Project).

This regionally-significant Project will include widening and realignment of the currently deficient roadway to four lanes, improving the horizontal and vertical curves, addition of a new traffic signal, addition of fiber optic cables and several other intelligent transportation system components.

These improvements are part of a multi-jurisdictional planning effort to alleviate regional congestion, improve traffic flow and pedestrian/bicycle safety, encourage goods movement, and foster job creation in the region. This Project will enable efficient traffic movement by providing an alternative route for the highly-congested US Route 50 corridor and is part of the regionally-significant Integrated Corridor Management (ICM) Plan. This Project encourages economic development through job growth, better access to new housing, and will promote livability, better health, improved safety and quality of life in the greater Sacramento region and also provides an emergency response route for any incidents on US 50.

Given that this Project is shovel-ready, with 65 percent designs and all environmental approvals/permitting complete, we request your strong support and funding of this important investment for the Sacramento region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Laurie Berman", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

LAURIE BERMAN
Director

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR
P.O. BOX 942873, MS-49
SACRAMENTO, CA 94273-0001
PHONE (916) 654-6130
FAX (916) 653-5776
TTY 711
www.dot.ca.gov



*Making Conservation
a California Way of Life.*

July 17, 2018

The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) supports the application of the City of Roseville to the United States Department of Transportation's Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD 2018) competitive grant program for the Washington Boulevard and Andora Undercrossing Improvement Project (Project)

The City of Roseville is requesting \$8,208,000 in BUILD funds to widen Washington Boulevard from two to four lanes between Sawtell Road and Pleasant Grove Boulevard, reconstruct the Andora Underpass beneath the UPRR tracks, and construct new bicycle and pedestrian improvements. The Project will improve safety for all roadway users by improving roadway intersections, adding bicycle and pedestrian facilities where none currently exist, and contribute to the State of Good Repair by replacing the over 100-year old railroad undercrossing.

The Project provides for increased economic competitiveness by supporting movement of goods into and out of the UPRR J.R. Davis Yard, the largest rail facility on the west coast, and continued support for redevelopment efforts in downtown Roseville and the Placer County Fairgrounds. The Project will improve quality of life and environmental sustainability for the community by relieving congestion and encouraging healthy lifestyles with enhanced multimodal access to jobs, schools, and commercial centers.

This Project will improve sustainability, livability and the economy of the region, while supporting the State to achieve our goals. .

Caltrans appreciates your consideration of this Project that reduces congestion, and improves traffic operations on local roadways and neighboring State Route 65.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Laurie Berman", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

LAURIE BERMAN
Director

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

P.O. BOX 942873, MS-49

SACRAMENTO, CA 94273-0001

PHONE (916) 654-6130

FAX (916) 653-5776

TTY 711

www.dot.ca.gov

*Making Conservation
a California Way of Life.*

July 26, 2018

The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) supports the application from the cities of Sacramento and West Sacramento to the United States Department of Transportation's Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD 2018) competitive grant program for the I Street Bridge Replacement Project (Project).

The \$25 million being requested by the cities will be used to replace the I Street Bridge on a new alignment consisting of two travel lanes, median, bike lanes, and sidewalks. This Project has been the successful culmination of a major planning effort by both cities, the Federal Highway Administration, the U.S. Coast Guard, Caltrans, federal and State environmental resource agencies, and the local community. The Project improves safety for all roadway users by providing standard travel lane widths and bicycle and pedestrian facilities. It contributes to the state of good repair by removing vehicles from the existing substandard railroad bridge and placing them on a new bridge. The Project increases economic competitiveness by giving a direct connection into the region's largest brownfield development, the Southern Pacific Railroad railyards in Sacramento, and redevelopment efforts in West Sacramento.

The Quality of life and environmental sustainability for the community improves by giving a new multimodal low-level crossing of the Sacramento River connecting housing, commercial, institutional, and recreational land uses while addressing environmental concerns.

Caltrans appreciates your consideration of the Project that is uniquely crafted to leverage a variety of funding sources to the benefit of the national, regional, and local economy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Laurie Berman".

LAURIE BERMAN
Director

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR
P.O. BOX 942873, MS-49
SACRAMENTO, CA 94273-0001
PHONE (916) 654-6130
FAX (916) 653-5776
TTY 711
www.dot.ca.gov



*Making Conservation
a California Way of Life.*

July 13, 2018

The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) supports the application of the Port of West Sacramento (Port) to the United States Department of Transportation's Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD 2018) competitive grant program for the Port's Rail Realignment Project.

The Port's \$2.5 million in BUILD 2018 Planning Grant funds request and \$2.5 million local match will fund relocation and reduction of six miles of Union Pacific and shortline rails to two miles providing a more direct route to the Port, improving safety, alleviating significant traffic congestion from the existing alignment, reducing greenhouse gas, expanding freight rail service to West Sacramento's industrial areas, and allowing heavier trains to travel to the Port by removing physical barriers and creating connectivity.

This Project will improve routes for all transportation modes by removing six at-grade rail crossings and associated rail on key existing and planned multimodal transportation routes, connect the riverfront to city streets, and potentially open the abandoned short line property for a bicycle/pedestrian pathway. Yolo County estimates the entire Project will generate 29,000 jobs with a market value of goods, services and labor income of \$5 billion with opportunities for riverfront residential and commercial redevelopment in the cities of Davis, Woodland, and West Sacramento.

Caltrans strongly supports the Port of West Sacramento's BUILD application for the Port Rail Realignment Project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Laurie Berman", with a stylized flourish at the end.

LAURIE BERMAN
Director

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR
P.O. BOX 942873, MS-49
SACRAMENTO, CA 94273-0001
PHONE (916) 654-6130
FAX (916) 653-5776
TTY 711
www.dot.ca.gov



*Making Conservation
a California Way of Life.*

July 13, 2018

The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) supports the application of the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) to the United States Department of Transportation's Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD 2018) competitive grant program for Phase 4 of the Silicon Valley Express Lanes Program (Project) located on United States Highway (US) 101 and State Route (SR) 85 in Santa Clara County.

The Project proposes to convert existing US 101 and SR 85 high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes to Express Lanes, including direct connector ramps and approaches, between the US 101/SR 85 and SR 85/SR 87 interchanges in south San Jose. Both corridors experience high levels of traffic which regularly exceed the capacity of both freeways. Once constructed, the Project will make better use of current HOV lanes by allowing single-occupancy vehicles to access these lanes for a fee while still providing reduced travel times for transit, carpools and other eligible vehicles. The total estimated cost for the Project is \$41.3 million. The VTA is requesting \$25 million in BUILD 2018 grant program funds and will provide \$16.3 million in local matching funds.

Implementation of the Project is expected to meet all BUILD 2018 Merit Criteria especially safety, innovation, partnerships and quality of life. Construction of new traffic lanes or widening of existing structures will not be necessary for completion of the Project. The Project will allow for more efficient use of existing roadway capacity while improving safety, reliability, modal choice, and a new revenue stream for future transportation improvements in the region.

Caltrans has been supportive of other Express Lane conversion projects in the State and believes the Project is well-suited to meet the goals of the BUILD 2018 grant program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Laurie Berman", with a stylized flourish at the end.

LAURIE BERMAN
Director

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR
P.O. BOX 942873, MS-49
SACRAMENTO, CA 94273-0001
PHONE (916) 654-6130
FAX (916) 653-5776
TTY 711
www.dot.ca.gov



*Making Conservation
a California Way of Life.*

July 13, 2018

The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) supports the application of the City of Santa Rosa (City) to the United States Department of Transportation's Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD 2018) competitive grant program for the United States Highway (US) 101 Hearn Avenue Interchange Project (Project).

In collaboration with Caltrans and the Sonoma County Transportation Authority, the City is requesting \$19.2 million in BUILD 2018 grant funding to modify and reconstruct the existing interchange at US 101 and Hearn Avenue as envisioned in the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's Regional Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program. The Project is environmentally approved with the design phase scheduled for completion in 2019 and construction ready to begin in 2020. BUILD 2018 grant funding would also leverage dedicated local Measure M transportation sales tax funding to complete the construction phase of the Project.

Anticipated benefits of the Project include improved regional traffic circulation and operations, increased multimodal access, connectivity, and overall enhanced safety of the interchange facility. The Project will also better serve local disadvantaged communities and strengthen private economic development and competitiveness.

As the City and county continues to recover and rebuild from the 2017 wildfires, Caltrans supports the implementation of this vital regional transportation investment that will result in a long-term asset for the City and region. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Laurie Berman".

LAURIE BERMAN
Director

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR
P.O. BOX 942873, MS-49
SACRAMENTO, CA 94273-0001
PHONE (916) 654-6130
FAX (916) 653-5776
TTY 711
www.dot.ca.gov



*Making Conservation
a California Way of Life.*

July 13, 2018

The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) supports the application of the San Francisco Department of Public Works to the United States Department of Transportation's Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD 2018) competitive grant program for the Better Market Street Project (Project) which will deliver transformative transportation, streetscape and safety improvements along 2.2 miles of the corridor between Octavia Boulevard and the Embarcadero in San Francisco.

The Project is requesting \$15 million in BUILD 2018 funds. These funds, matched with local Proposition A general obligation funds, will construct Phase I of the Project and complete planned improvements between Sixth and Eighth Streets. Phase I also includes the City's F-Line loop rail and will serve as an anchor for the next phases of the Project stretching east and west.

San Francisco's Market Street is at the center of the City's economic and real estate development growth. With more than 700 businesses and government institutions, Market Street connects hundreds of thousands of people using all modes of transportation to jobs throughout the San Francisco Bay Area. San Francisco's growing economy and population, which is forecast to increase by 100,000 new residents over the next decade, has the potential to create up to 25 percent more jobs in the Project area by 2035. More than 40,000 new mixed-rate housing units are planned along the Market Street corridor.

Caltrans believes the Project is consistent with the established goals and merit criteria of BUILD 2018 and respectfully requests your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Laurie Berman".

LAURIE BERMAN
Director

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR
P.O. BOX 942873, MS-49
SACRAMENTO, CA 94273-0001
PHONE (916) 654-6130
FAX (916) 653-5776
TTY 711
www.dot.ca.gov



*Making Conservation
a California Way of Life.*

July 13, 2018

The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) supports the application of the Solano Transportation Authority (STA) to the United States Department of Transportation's Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD 2018) competitive grant program for the Solano County Interstate 80 (I-80) Express Lanes Project from Red Top Road to I-505 (Project).

STA is requesting \$25 million from BUILD 2018 to support construction capital costs for the Project. Remaining funds needed to complete the Project include committed regional bridge tolls and future State funding. The Project also intends to apply for \$50 million from the Federal Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) discretionary grant program to fully fund the Project.

The Project, jointly developed by STA, Caltrans, and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, proposes to convert existing High Occupancy Vehicle lanes on I-80 to Express Lanes between Red Top Road and Air Base Parkway, and construct new Express Lanes between Air Base Parkway, and I-505. The Project supports a region-wide effort to alleviate congestion, increase mobility, and improve the quality of life for communities along this important interstate corridor.

Caltrans believes the Project is consistent with the established goals and merit criteria of BUILD 2018, and respectfully requests your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Laurie Berman".

LAURIE BERMAN
Director

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR
P.O. BOX 942873, MS-49
SACRAMENTO, CA 94273-0001
PHONE (916) 654-6130
FAX (916) 653-5776
TTY 711
www.dot.ca.gov



*Making Conservation
a California Way of Life.*

July 26, 2018

The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) supports the application of the city of Vacaville (City) to the United States Department of Transportation's Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD 2018) competitive grant program for the Vaca Valley Parkway/Interstate 505 (I-505) Corridor Multimodal Improvement Project (Project).

The City is requesting \$7.5 million in BUILD 2018 grant funding to supplement \$6.1 million in local dollars and \$1.9 million in other federal funds for a total project cost of \$15.5 million. The Project proposes to implement active transportation and transit improvements at the I-505/Vaca Valley Parkway Interchange as well as construct roundabouts at the Vaca Valley Parkway/East Monte Vista Avenue intersection and on/off-ramps at the I-505/ Vaca Valley Parkway Interchange.

The Project will allow all roadway users to safely access I-505 and the Vaca Valley Parkway corridor by connecting businesses, residences, and the Solano Community College.

Additionally, the construction of roundabout facilities will provide for enhanced access, reduced delay and improved air quality for all modes, including freight, to major economic development centers in the City.

Caltrans looks forward to working with the City on this important transportation improvement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Laurie Berman".

LAURIE BERMAN
Director

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR
P.O. BOX 942873, MS-49
SACRAMENTO, CA 94273-0001
PHONE (916) 654-6130
FAX (916) 653-5776
TTY 711
www.dot.ca.gov



*Making Conservation
a California Way of Life.*

July 13 2018

The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

The California Department of Transportation supports the application of the City of Salinas to the United States Department of Transportation's Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD 2018) competitive grant program for the Salinas Valley Perishable Freight Rail Terminal Project (Project).

The proposed facility will enable highly efficient transloading of 53' refrigerated containers of produce from local dray trucks to rail. This produce, which today is nearly all transported by long-haul trucks, will instead be carried on dedicated intermodal unit freight trains to reach retail markets across North America. The new terminal will be located on an existing but underutilized 25-acre freight rail yard site within the City. The facility will feature state-of-the-art technology including efficient and quiet electric widespan container cranes.

The current trucking of huge volumes of produce out of the Salinas region creates serious public impacts in the form of traffic congestion, road damage, and reduced safety. The local grower-shipper industry is challenged by often volatile long-haul truck freight rates that have steadily risen over many years and are forecast to continue to climb.

The outcomes of this Project will align well with established State freight policy objectives, including improving the contribution of the freight system to support economic efficiency, reducing congestion, improving safety, improving the state of good repair of transportation assets, implementing modern technology, and reducing impacts of transportation on the environment.

Thank you for considering this important transportation investment initiative for funding.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Laurie Berman, consisting of a stylized 'L' followed by a horizontal line.

LAURIE BERMAN
Director

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR
P.O. BOX 942873, MS-49
SACRAMENTO, CA 94273-0001
PHONE (916) 654-6130
FAX (916) 653-5776
TTY 711
www.dot.ca.gov



*Making Conservation
a California Way of Life.*

July 13, 2018

The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) supports the application of the Council of San Benito County Governments (SBCOG) to the United States Department of Transportation's Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD 2018) competitive grant program for the Highway 25 Corridor Improvement Project (Project).

The Project would be for the conversion of State Route 25 from a two-lane conventional highway to a four-lane divided expressway from the city of Hollister in San Benito County to the junction of US 101 near the city of Gilroy, Santa Clara County, a distance of 11.2 miles. The BUILD 2018 grant amount requested is \$5.5 million for the environmental phase, with matching funds of \$1.5 million from SBCOG Traffic Impact Fees.

The Project would be significant for the region because it would improve the connection of San Benito County to the San Francisco Bay Area economy by providing congestion relief for commuters and the agricultural industry's movement of goods. The Project meets the BUILD 2018 grant criteria by enhancing safety along the corridor with the implementation of the divided expressway and consolidating access points. The safety benefits of the project will make a great contribution to the quality of life in the region. The Project would create economic competitiveness by improving access to jobs and travel time reliability for residents and the robust agricultural industry.

Caltrans views the Project as a significant improvement and benefit to San Benito County's vitality and economic competitiveness.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Laurie Berman".

LAURIE BERMAN
Director

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR
P.O. BOX 942873, MS-49
SACRAMENTO, CA 94273-0001
PHONE (916) 654-6130
FAX (916) 653-5776
TTY 711
www.dot.ca.gov



*Making Conservation
a California Way of Life.*

July 13, 2018

The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) supports the application of the Solano Transportation Authority (STA) to the United States Department of Transportation's Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD 2018) competitive grant program for the Solano County Interstate 80 (I-80) Express Lanes Project from Red Top Road to I-505 (Project).

STA is requesting \$25 million from BUILD 2018 to support construction capital costs for the Project. Remaining funds needed to complete the Project include committed regional bridge tolls and future State funding. The Project also intends to apply for \$50 million from the Federal Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) discretionary grant program to fully fund the Project.

The Project, jointly developed by STA, Caltrans, and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, proposes to convert existing High Occupancy Vehicle lanes on I-80 to Express Lanes between Red Top Road and Air Base Parkway, and construct new Express Lanes between Air Base Parkway, and I-505. The Project supports a region-wide effort to alleviate congestion, increase mobility, and improve the quality of life for communities along this important interstate corridor.

Caltrans believes the Project is consistent with the established goals and merit criteria of BUILD 2018, and respectfully requests your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Laurie Berman", is positioned above the printed name.

LAURIE BERMAN
Director

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR
P.O. BOX 942873, MS-49
SACRAMENTO, CA 94273-0001
PHONE (916) 654-6130
FAX (916) 653-5776
TTY 711
www.dot.ca.gov



*Making Conservation
a California Way of Life.*

July 13, 2018

The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) supports the application of the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) to the United States Department of Transportation's Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD 2018) competitive grant program for the San Diego Multimodal and Regional Transportation Center (Project).

SANDAG is requesting \$25 million in BUILD 2018 grant funds for this much needed Project. The total Project cost is anticipated to be \$46 million. This Project would construct a secure facility to host the Regional Border Management System (RBMS) located at the South Bay Expressway Facility in Otay Mesa. The RBMS would provide a corridor-wide, multimodal approach to traffic and incident management, traffic performance analysis, status alerting, and system reporting throughout the border region.

SANDAG and Caltrans District 11 have been working together to support the advancement and implementation to technological tools to address congestion management. The Project would improve the region's ability to better manage our infrastructure network; improve safety of all road users, and expand mobility choices.

Thank you for your consideration of this important Project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Laurie Berman".

LAURIE BERMAN
Director

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR
P.O. BOX 942873, MS-49
SACRAMENTO, CA 94273-0001
PHONE (916) 654-6130
FAX (916) 653-5776
TTY 711
www.dot.ca.gov



*Making Conservation
a California Way of Life.*

July 13, 2018

The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) supports the application of the Madera County Transportation Commission to the United States Department of Transportation's Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD 2018) competitive grant program for the Madera SR 99 Avenue 12 to Avenue 17 Goods Movement Widening Project (Project).

The Project will widen approximately 7.6 miles on State Route 99 from four-lanes to six-lanes by constructing an additional lane primarily within the existing median in both northbound and southbound direction. The BUILD 2018 application is requesting \$15 million to bring the Project to construction. The total estimated cost of the project is \$81.4 million. The remaining funds needed will be from State funds, Measure C, and the County's regional transportation funds. State Route 99 is crucial to the economic vitality of the State of California and the Central Valley, and is heavily used by international shippers, commuters, and recreational travelers.

The Project is identified in the California Freight Plan as a high priority shovel-ready project. Approximately half of the State's goods movement passes through the Valley with destinations at ports, major urban centers in California, other states, and other countries. The widening of State Route 99 will improve the movement of major goods through this section of the Central Valley and reduce the time it takes for perishable commodities to go from farm to markets throughout the United States and around the world.

Completion of this Project will improve safety, reduce congestion, and increase connectivity of the highway system to major ports in both northern and southern California.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Laurie Berman", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

LAURIE BERMAN
Director

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR
P.O. BOX 942873, MS-49
SACRAMENTO, CA 94273-0001
PHONE (916) 654-6130
FAX (916) 653-5776
TTY 711
www.dot.ca.gov



*Making Conservation
a California Way of Life.*

July 13, 2018

The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) supports the application of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) to the United States Department of Transportation's Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD 2018) competitive grant program for the State Route 71 Freeway Conversion Project.

The requested \$25 million will allow completion of this \$327 million project. The Project will close the last remaining freeway gap of State Route 71 in Los Angeles County along a critical 4.3-mile chokepoint connecting Interstate 10 and State Route 60 by widening a four-lane highway to an eight-lane grade separated freeway to include one high occupancy vehicle lane and three mixed flow lanes in each direction. The Project will also eliminate four at-grade intersections, improve access for both bicyclists and pedestrians along frontage roads, and provide noise mitigation through the construction of soundwalls.

Caltrans strongly supports a BUILD grant for the Project due to its importance for the movement of both goods and people in Southern California and to/from other parts of the United States. The Project is supported by the general public and elected officials, has a large share of local and State funds committed for its implementation (including funds secured through innovative financing), meets federal statutory requirements, and addresses very well the BUILD evaluation criteria.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Laurie Berman", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

LAURIE BERMAN
Caltrans Director

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR
P.O. BOX 942873, MS-49
SACRAMENTO, CA 94273-0001
PHONE (916) 654-6130
FAX (916) 653-5776
TTY 711
www.dot.ca.gov



*Making Conservation
a California Way of Life.*

July 13, 2018

The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) supports the application of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority to the United States Department of Transportation's Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD 2018) competitive grant program for the Gateway Cities Interstate 605/State Route 91 Freight Crossroads Interchange Improvement Project.

The requested \$25 million will allow completion of this \$188 million Project. The Project includes the following capital improvements: i) adding one general purpose lane in the westbound direction along State Route 91; ii) creating a two-lane Interstate 605 northbound connector; iii) enhancing auxiliary lanes between all on and off ramps; iv) upgrading freeway on and off ramps; v) replacing overcrossings; vi) improving arterial streets in the vicinity of the freeway ramps, including enhancements for bicyclists and pedestrians; and vii) making operational upgrades for the northbound Interstate 605 at the Alondra Boulevard off-ramp.

Caltrans supports a BUILD grant for the Project due to its importance for the movement of both goods and people in Southern California and to/from other parts of the United States. The Project is supported by the general public and elected officials, has a large share of local and State funds committed for its implementation (including funds secured through innovative financing), and meets federal statutory requirements.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Laurie Berman", is positioned above the printed name.

LAURIE BERMAN
Director

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

P.O. BOX 942873, MS-49

SACRAMENTO, CA 94273-0001

PHONE (916) 654-6130

FAX (916) 653-5776

TTY 711

www.dot.ca.gov

*Making Conservation
a California Way of Life.*

July 13, 2018

The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) supports the application of the Port of Los Angeles to the United States Department of Transportation's Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD 2018) competitive grant program for the State Route 47-Vincent Thomas Bridge (VTB) and Harbor Boulevard-Front Street Interchange Improvement Project. This Project is being developed in collaboration with Caltrans.

The requested \$19.02 million will allow completion of this \$31.8 million project. This Project involves relocation of the existing westbound off-ramp from south to north of the VTB.

The Project includes realignment of the eastbound on-ramp to provide a longer merge onto the VTB, one of California's signature suspension bridges. This particular interchange directly serves three container terminals, and approximately 5 percent of all waterborne containers entering/exiting the entire United States. The I-110, SR 47, and adjacent I-710 carry approximately 25 percent of all U.S. waterborne container volume. This interchange also serves the World Cruise Center; the Battleship USS Iowa Museum; and the annual LA Fleet Week®, which attracts over 200,000 visitors.

Thank you for your consideration of this important Project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Laurie Berman", is written over a horizontal line.

LAURIE BERMAN
Director

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR
P.O. BOX 942873, MS-49
SACRAMENTO, CA 94273-0001
PHONE (916) 654-6130
FAX (916) 653-5776
TTY 711
www.dot.ca.gov



*Making Conservation
a California Way of Life.*

July 13, 2018

The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) supports the application of the Port of Long Beach to the United States Department of Transportation's Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD 2018) competitive grant program for the Green Port Gateway Phase 2: Terminal Island Wye Rail Enhancement Improvements.

The requested \$20 million will allow completion of this \$29 million Project. The Project will add approximately 10,000 feet of new track and help the San Pedro Bay Port Complex achieve its goal of moving 35 percent of goods by on-dock rail by 2035 to help mitigate the impacts of the projected growth in national freight movement.

The proposed improvements will facilitate several critical rail operations, expand consumer choice in multimodal transportation, and potentially offset 300,000 truck trips per year by 2035. These improvements are necessary for managing vehicle congestion on our local roadways and regional freeways, while increasing the capacity for goods to move through our gateway bound for markets across the nation and around the world.

Thank you for your consideration of this important Project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Laurie", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

LAURIE BERMAN
Caltrans Director

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR
P.O. BOX 942873, MS-49
SACRAMENTO, CA 94273-0001
PHONE (916) 654-6130
FAX (916) 653-5776
TTY 711
www.dot.ca.gov



*Making Conservation
a California Way of Life.*

July 13, 2018

The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) supports the application of the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) to the United States Department of Transportation's Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD 2018) competitive grant program for the Superstructure Replacement of the Interstate 15 (I-15) Virgin River Gorge Bridge #1 (Project). The Project is located 150 miles from the California/Arizona state line.

ADOT is requesting \$25 million in BUILD funds to be matched with \$25 million from the National Highway Performance Program for a total Project budget of \$50 million. The purpose of the Project is to replace the Bridge #1 superstructure, increase the width of the bridge roadway and retrofit its piers and abutments so that it can support the increasing commercial and passenger vehicle demands. The I-15 corridor connects the key economic centers of California, Nevada and Utah through one of Arizona's most scenic, remote and environmentally sensitive areas—the Virgin River Gorge. Several critical bridges within the Gorge, including Bridge #1, are aging and in need of rehabilitation. The difficulty of rehabilitating a series of bridges in such an environmentally sensitive and remote area was recognized in 2012 with the award of a TIGER IV Grant for Bridge #6. The Project to rehabilitate Bridge #6 has been completed and ADOT is continuing to invest in projects to improve the condition of the other bridges.

Caltrans supports ADOT's goal of maintaining the economic viability and competitiveness of the I-15 corridor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Laurie", is positioned above the printed name of the Director.

LAURIE BERMAN
Director

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

P.O. BOX 942873, MS-49

SACRAMENTO, CA 94273-0001

PHONE (916) 654-6130

FAX (916) 653-5776

TTY 711

www.dot.ca.gov

*Making Conservation
a California Way of Life.*

July 13, 2018.

The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) supports the application of the City of Fontana to the United States Department of Transportation's Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD 2018) competitive grant program for the #BUILDFONTANA (Project).

The City of Fontana (City) requests \$13.869 million in BUILD funds and will provide \$5.110 million in non-federal cash match for a total Project budget of \$18.979 million. The Project will construct a Complete Streets network in an area of the City that is currently undeveloped and will support the anticipated 536-acre planned development, per the City's General Plan. The future planned development is projected to create 3,500 new jobs, more than 2,000 homes, multiple parks, and local businesses. The Project will include sidewalks, Class I & II bike trails, transit bus turnouts, lighting, traffic signals, and other improvements. The Project's multi-modal transportation focus is in alignment with BUILD funding priorities as well as Caltrans Deputy Directive DD-64-R2, "The Department provides for the needs of travelers of all ages and abilities in all planning, programming, design, construction, operations, and maintenance activities and products on the State Highway System."

Caltrans supports the City's goal in developing a sustainable transportation infrastructure and creating complete streets to provide improved transportation opportunities for residents and visitors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Laurie Berman", is written over a horizontal line.

LAURIE BERMAN
Director

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR
P.O. BOX 942873, MS-49
SACRAMENTO, CA 94273-0001
PHONE (916) 654-6130
FAX (916) 653-5776
TTY 711
www.dot.ca.gov



*Making Conservation
a California Way of Life.*

July 13, 2018

The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) supports the application of the City of Hesperia (City) to the United States Department of Transportation's Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD 2018) competitive grant program for the Ranchero Road Widening Project (Project).

The City is requesting \$15.6 million in BUILD grant funds and will match \$21.4 million, which will come from a combination of local and State funds. The parent project was previously split into three phases, with Phases 1 and 2 including the I-15/Ranchero Road Interchange Improvement and the BNSF/Ranchero Road Grade Separation. The Project (Phase 3) will widen Ranchero Road from two to five lanes from I-15 to 7th Street, which will improve the ability of the local transportation network to accommodate increasing traffic demands, enhance local connectivity between the high desert cities, and reduce local trips on the freeway system. The Project will also create a multi-use path along Ranchero Road for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Caltrans supports the City of Hesperia's efforts to improve the local transportation network, enhance mobility and travel time reliability, and increase the economic competitiveness of the region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Laurie Berman".

LAURIE BERMAN
Director

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR
P.O. BOX 942873, MS-49
SACRAMENTO, CA 94273-0001
PHONE (916) 654-6130
FAX (916) 653-5776
TTY 711
www.dot.ca.gov



*Making Conservation
a California Way of Life.*

July 13, 2018

The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) supports the application of the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) to the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD 2018) competitive grant program for the State Route (SR)-71/91 Interchange Improvement Project (Project).

RCTC is requesting \$25 million in grant funding to be matched with \$92 million of local SR-91 surplus toll revenue and Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant funding. The SR-71/91 Interchange Improvement Project is a shovel-ready project that will replace a single-lane loop connection; build a new, separate eastbound road just south of and parallel to SR-91; and realign the eastbound entrance ramp to improve access to the SR-71/91 interchange. The Project is significant to the region because it will improve the movement of goods and people among three of California's largest and most populous counties. Additionally, some of the Project's key benefits include maintaining a state of good repair of the facility, enhancing economic competitiveness, and investing non-federal transportation revenues.

Caltrans supports the SR-71/91 Interchange Improvement Project and looks forward to advancing this RCTC Project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Laurie Berman", with a stylized flourish at the end.

LAURIE BERMAN
Director

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR
P.O. BOX 942873, MS-49
SACRAMENTO, CA 94273-0001
PHONE (916) 654-6130
FAX (916) 653-5776
TTY 711
www.dot.ca.gov



*Making Conservation
a California Way of Life.*

July 13, 2018

The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) supports the application of the City of Rialto to the United States Department of Transportation's Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD 2018) competitive grant program for the SR-210/Alder Avenue Interchange Improvements Project (Project).

The City of Rialto requests for funding in the amount of \$2,043,000 to be matched with \$510,750 of local funds. The Project will make improvements to the existing SR-210/Alder Avenue Interchange including widening and restriping of Alder Avenue and on and off-ramps to accommodate additional turn-lanes, bridge widening, Class II bike lanes, ADA compliant sidewalks and ADA curb ramps. The Project's multi-modal elements meet the BUILD Grant Program's quality of life criteria by improving mobility and enhancing the pedestrian environment. The Project also supports the anticipated growth in the region by accommodating projected traffic demand from future development in the area by reducing congestion, increasing throughput, and improving travel time reliability.

Caltrans supports the City of Rialto's efforts to improve mobility for all users in the region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Laurie Berman".

LAURIE BERMAN
Director

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR
P.O. BOX 942873, MS-49
SACRAMENTO, CA 94273-0001
PHONE (916) 654-6130
FAX (916) 653-5776
TTY 711
www.dot.ca.gov



*Making Conservation
a California Way of Life.*

July 13, 2018

The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) supports the application of the Amador County Department of Transportation and Public Works (County) to the United States Department of Transportation's Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD 2018) competitive grant program for the State Route 88 (SR 88)/Pine Grove Corridor Improvement Project (Project).

SR 88 through the rural town of Pine Grove serves as the town's main street and is a critical interregional travel route. The requested \$5 million in BUILD grant will leverage non-federal funding through State, regional, and local partnerships for the project, which proposes to signalize and modify intersections and construct pedestrian and bicycle improvements to enhance safety for all users along the existing highway corridor. This innovative Project aligns with the BUILD Grant selection criteria to enhance safety, maintain a state of good repair, and improve economic competitiveness and quality of life, protect the environment, and leverage Non-Federal Revenue for Transportation Infrastructure Investment. In addition to Project safety features, general roadway infrastructure improvements will upgrade the facility to meet a 20-year design life. Once completed, this SR 88 Project will provide for a safer, more accessible and connected three-mile corridor in Pine Grove, creating a true main street environment, benefiting the residents, businesses, and visitors to the region.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Laurie Berman", followed by a long horizontal flourish.

LAURIE BERMAN
Director

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR
P.O. BOX 942873, MS-49
SACRAMENTO, CA 94273-0001
PHONE (916) 654-6130
FAX (916) 653-5776
TTY 711
www.dot.ca.gov



*Making Conservation
a California Way of Life.*

July 13, 2018

The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) supports the application of the Calaveras Council of Governments (CalCOG) to the United States Department of Transportation's Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD 2018) competitive grant program for the State Route (SR) 4 Wagon Trail Realignment Project (Project).

SR 4 is an important regional corridor that serves as a major east-west route through southern Calaveras County. In addition to being a critical connector between the eastern rural portion of California to the urbanized areas of the Central Valley (Valley) and San Francisco Bay Area, SR 4 serves an important role to the economic vitality of Calaveras County. During the summer, SR 4 gets heavy use from tourists and residents who use it to travel to special events, wineries, fairgrounds, and "main" street events. In addition to serving as a recreation connector, SR 4 is also a main route for transporting goods to the stores and shops located along the corridor. These rural freight services transport raw lumber from the high country to the Port of Stockton and processing facilities in the Valley and return with consumer goods.

The Project offers a sensible, permanent solution to a perennial and worsening problem. Construction of a new alignment of two-standard width lanes and paved shoulders, would improve sight distance and enhance safety by improving alignment geometrics.

We appreciate your continued support and ask that you please consider this grant request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Laurie Berman".

LAURIE BERMAN
Director

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR
P.O. BOX 942873, MS-49
SACRAMENTO, CA 94273-0001
PHONE (916) 654-6130
FAX (916) 653-5776
TTY 711
www.dot.ca.gov



*Making Conservation
a California Way of Life.*

July 13, 2018

The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) supports the application of the County of Stanislaus (County) to the United States Department of Transportation's Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD 2018) competitive grant program for the North County Corridor State Route (SR) 108 Project (Project).

California's Stanislaus County lies in the heart of the San Joaquin Valley, the center of the State's multi-billion-dollar agricultural industry that helps provide food and agricultural products to the entire United States. As the nation's demand for agricultural products has risen, so has the County's population and the associated freight traffic along the existing east-west transportation routes. This resulting traffic has created safety and congestion problems, especially for people and goods traveling to and from east-west destinations.

Existing SR 108 is a vital east-west corridor that connects the cities of Modesto, Riverbank, and Oakdale ultimately to SR 99. With a high volume of truck traffic and inadequate connections to existing infrastructure, this two-lane highway with uncontrolled access carries traffic volumes that overwhelm its capacity and create numerous safety problems along its length. The \$25 million requested through the BUILD Program will be leveraged with \$36 million of local Measure L funding and \$25 million of local developer fee funds to construct the most critical two-mile segment of this east-west transportation corridor. The proposed Project will be a multi-lane, access-controlled expressway/freeway with interchanges, and a grade-separated railroad crossing.

Caltrans recommends that this application be given every consideration in the upcoming process to allocate funding for important transportation needs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Laurie Berman".

LAURIE BERMAN
Director

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR
P.O. BOX 942873, MS-49
SACRAMENTO, CA 94273-0001
PHONE (916) 654-6130
FAX (916) 653-5776
TTY 711
www.dot.ca.gov



*Making Conservation
a California Way of Life.*

July 13, 2018

The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) supports the application of the County of San Diego (County) to the United States Department of Transportation's Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) competitive grant program for the Bradley Avenue/State Route 67 Interchange Project.

The County is respectfully requesting \$17,380,000 in BUILD grant funds for this much needed project. The total Project cost is anticipated to be \$42,600,000, with \$15,750,000 of matching local funds for construction. The Project addresses safety issues, improves a Caltrans Bridge asset to a state of good repair optimizing long term life-cycle costs, improves mobility of people, goods and services, reduces travel times, and provides sidewalks and bike routes on both sides of Bradley Avenue. The Project is economically significant with long term job creation since it is the main access to a major commercial/industrial area, including Gillespie Field, a large General Aviation Airport located in San Diego County. The airport serves many rural areas in the region and is used as a staging area for firefighting equipment during emergency response events.

Caltrans is a crucial partner in this project, is in full support of it, and recognizes the importance of the Project to the mobility and economic vitality of the region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Laurie Berman".

LAURIE BERMAN
Director

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR
P.O. BOX 942873, MS-49
SACRAMENTO, CA 94273-0001
PHONE (916) 654-6130
FAX (916) 653-5776
TTY 711
www.dot.ca.gov



*Making Conservation
a California Way of Life.*

July 13, 2018

The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) supports the application of the Imperial County Transportation Commission to the United States Department of Transportation's Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD 2018) competitive grant program for the Calexico East Port of Entry Project (Project).

The grant amount being requested is \$25 million, which in turn will cover the bridge expansion over the All American Canal, two new southbound and two new northbound lanes, and road construction. The Project will include a \$3 million match commitment from the State's Senate Bill 1 Trade Corridor Enhancement Program and a \$1.8 million local match commitment, bringing the total project cost estimate to \$29.8 million. In partnership with Caltrans, the County of Imperial, the United States Customs and Border Protection, and the United States General Services Administration, this Project aims to improve freight elements of the Calexico East Port of Entry. These improvements help alleviate congestion, decrease cross border wait times, lower freight emissions, and enhance international trade and commerce.

Caltrans supports this Project since it will decrease transportation costs and improve access in this rural community. In addition, the State has identified this as a high priority project for the region by contributing Senate Bill 1 funds, and Caltrans is currently developing the Project's environmental document. By facilitating efficient and reliable freight movement, this Project will result in long-term job creation and deliver economic benefits that will help the United States compete in a global economy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Laurie Berman", followed by a horizontal line.

LAURIE BERMAN
Director

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR
P.O. BOX 942873, MS-49
SACRAMENTO, CA 94273-0001
PHONE (916) 654-6130
FAX (916) 653-5776
TTY 711
www.dot.ca.gov



*Making Conservation
a California Way of Life.*

July 13, 2018

The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) supports the application of the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) to the United States Department of Transportation's Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD 2018) competitive grant program for the San Diego Multimodal and Regional Transportation Center (Project).

SANDAG is requesting \$25 million in BUILD 2018 grant funds for this much needed Project. The total Project cost is anticipated to be \$46 million. This Project would construct a secure facility to host the Regional Border Management System (RBMS) located at the South Bay Expressway Facility in Otay Mesa. The RBMS would provide a corridor-wide, multimodal approach to traffic and incident management, traffic performance analysis, status alerting, and system reporting throughout the border region.

SANDAG and Caltrans District 11 have been working together to support the advancement and implementation to technological tools to address congestion management. The Project would improve the region's ability to better manage our infrastructure network; improve safety of all road users, and expand mobility choices.

Thank you for your consideration of this important Project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Laurie Berman".

LAURIE BERMAN
Director

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR
P.O. BOX 942873, MS-49
SACRAMENTO, CA 94273-0001
PHONE (916) 654-6130
FAX (916) 653-5776
TTY 711
www.dot.ca.gov



*Making Conservation
a California Way of Life.*

July 12, 2018

The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) supports Orange County Transportation Authority's (OCTA's) application for the United States Department of Transportation's Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD 2018) competitive grant program for the State Route 55 (SR-55) Orange County Central County Corridor Improvement from Interstate 405 (I-405) to Interstate 5 (I-5) Project (Project).

OCTA in partnership with Caltrans is requesting \$25 million in grant funds for this critical project. The overall objective of the Project is to reduce congestion along the highly traveled SR-55 Central Orange County corridor. Orange County's Long-Range Transportation Plan forecasts increases in population, housing and employment of 10 percent, 11 percent and 17 percent respectively. These increases will result in an increased congestion delay of 66 percent if no improvements are made. The Project improvements include the addition of two travel lanes in each direction, increasing the capacity by 40 percent.

Once implemented, the Project, will significantly improve travel times on the SR-55 freeway. The improvements will also enhance access to jobs, healthcare, and education, improve air quality by reducing stop and go traffic, and maintain the economic vitality of the region.

We look forward to partnering with OCTA on project delivery and implementation to realize the benefits that it will provide for the residents of and visitors to Orange County. I would like to thank you in advance for your consideration of this important Project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Laurie", followed by a stylized flourish.

LAURIE BERMAN
Director