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February 18, 2020

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

**Re: Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Application for the Santa Barbara U.S. 101 Multimodal Corridor – Segments 4D & 4E**

Dear Secretary Chao:

I am writing in support of Santa Barbara County Association of Governments' (SBCAG) application to the U.S. Department of Transportation's BUILD competitive grant program for the Santa Barbara U.S. 101 Multimodal Corridor project.

The Santa Barbara U.S. 101 Multimodal Corridor project is nearing completion and helps to protect the economic viability, quality of life and environmental sustainability of the entire region and the State of California. It provides multiple transportation benefits that expand capacity and reduce congestion on U.S. 101, improve interregional goods movement, increase safety and multimodal access, and create access to jobs. The U.S. 101 is the only major highway connecting the central coast to both northern and southern California. The sheer volume of traffic that uses the U.S. 101 has outgrown the capacity from the Ventura County line through Montecito where there are only two lanes for commute traffic. The completion of this project will allow traffic to flow more freely through the corridor in the future.

Santa Barbara U.S. 101 Multimodal Corridor project components include:

- **Completion of a critical lifeline arterial, U.S. 101 by adding a peak-hour carpool lane with a total of three lanes in each direction.** The California Department of Transportation has identified U.S. 101 as the only alternative to Interstate 5 freeway.
- **Increase of transportation opportunities** for commuters and multimodal access.
- **A strong demonstrated partnership** between SBCAG, California Department of Transportation, California Transportation Commission, Cities of Santa Barbara and Carpinteria, and the County of Santa Barbara.
- **Innovative project delivery method** utilizing construction manager/general contractor (CM/GC), which will minimize risks and unknown costs going into construction and extend that strong partnership among the agencies to our contracting partner Granite Construction.

Partnership with the federal government is critical to help complete the final phase of a more than 15-year effort that includes nearly 80% of the cost being covered by non-federal resources. I firmly believe the Santa Barbara U.S. 101 Multimodal Corridor project makes a significant impact to the State of California and the nation. For these reasons, I respectfully request your full and fair consideration of SBCAG's BUILD grant application. Should you have any questions, you may contact Michelle Sevilla in my Santa Barbara office at 805-564-1649 or [Michelle.Sevilla@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Michelle.Sevilla@asm.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Monique Limón'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

**MONIQUE LIMÓN**  
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