



February 21, 2020

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

Subject: Support of Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Application for the Santa Barbara U.S. 101 Multimodal Corridor – Segments 4D & 4E

Dear Secretary Chao:

On behalf of the University of California, Santa Barbara, I am writing in support of SBCAG's application to the United States 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 critical to protecting the economic viability, quality of life and environmental sustainability of the entire region by providing 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 University of California, Santa Barbara is a billion-dollar public serving enterprise and the largest employer in Santa Barbara County. Every day staff, faculty, students and visitors rely on U.S. 101 to get to campus to do their work, access higher education, and conduct research that is vital at the federal, state and local level.

The Santa Barbara U.S. 101 Multimodal Corridor project will protect the economic viability, quality of life and environmental sustainability of the entire region by providing 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.



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 strongly support SBCAG's BUILD grant application and urge your full consideration of this significant project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Longbrake".

John Longbrake
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