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The Honorable Elaine L. 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 Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) competitive grant program for the Interstate (I) 105 Express Lanes Project (Project).

This Project will advance the countywide build-out of a Regional ExpressLanes system by implementing two High Occupancy Toll (HOT) lanes in each direction along 17.1 miles of the I-105 corridor from I-405 to I-605. Innovative technology elements will be deployed to enhance the overall performance of I-105. Metro will be using a combination of sales tax funds and existing Express Lanes revenues as a match for the INFRA grant funds.

The Project will advance multiple goals of the INFRA Program, particularly with respect to economic vitality, and leveraging of non-federal resources. The I-105 connects key air cargo facilities at Los Angeles International Airport with the I-710 and I-605, both critical freight corridors serving the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach. By accelerating I-105 Express Lanes implementation, the INFRA funds will also unlock net toll revenues earlier than currently planned and ultimately enable Metro to leverage billions of dollars in toll revenue-based financing for the Regional Express Lanes system. Metro and Caltrans are committed as project partners to deliver this Project successfully.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Malcolm Dougherty in black ink.

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Director