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

**RE: Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) Grant Program - State Route (SR) 57/60 Confluence Chokepoint Relief Project**

Dear Secretary Chao,

On behalf of the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership, I write in support of the application submitted by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) to the U.S. Department of Transportation's (USDOT's) Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) competitive grant program for the *SR 57/60 Confluence Chokepoint Relief Project* (Project). This Project is an opportunity for USDOT to invest **\$25 million** in INFRA grant funding to implement a **\$421 million** freight highway project of national significance. The INFRA grant will allow this project to start construction nearly two-and-a-half years earlier than currently planned, to the benefit of the national freight highway system.

The *SR 57/60 Confluence Chokepoint Relief Project* will unlock the fifth worst truck bottleneck in the nation and improve traveler safety at the second-highest truck accident "hot spot" in Southern California by eliminating dangerous weaving of trucks and cars at the two-mile segment where two heavily-congested state highways converge. Located near the southeast corner of Los Angeles County adjacent to Orange, San Bernardino, and Riverside Counties, this Project serves as a strategic goods movement corridor between major freight facilities in Los Angeles County—including the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, airports, warehousing clusters, and intermodal facilities—to key distribution hubs in the Inland Empire as well as consumers, businesses, manufacturers, and farms across the country. Among the four east-west freight corridors in the Los Angeles basin, the SR 60 moves the heaviest share of freight—43 percent.

The Project is expected to reduce truck vehicle-hours-traveled (VHT) by 211,000 hours annually and 662 hours daily in the eastbound direction. Construction of the Project is critical to supporting the safe movement of a growing volume of truck freight and passengers through this confluence, and to maintaining the economic competitiveness of the goods movement system in Southern California.

We respectfully ask for USDOT's approval of Metro's SR 57/60 Confluence Chokepoint Relief Program application for INFRA funding. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "William R. Manis".

William R. Manis, President & CEO