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The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary of Transportation
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx,

I am writing to strongly support the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) TIGER grant application. The Project is in partnership with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and other stakeholders.

The Project consists of a grade separation at Rosecrans Avenue and Marquardt Avenue, from the Burlington Northern Santa Fe mainline double tracks in the City of Santa Fe Springs, California. The California Public Utilities Commission considers the Rosecrans/Marquardt intersection to be the most hazardous railroad grade crossing in the state. This project aims to address a major safety problem, as well as the construction of the only grade separation that remains to be built to complete 15 miles of third main track between Los Angeles County and Orange County.

The project is of regional significance for the Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim Urbanized Area, which comprises areas with the worst traffic and air quality conditions in the country and also has national significance. If implemented, the project will result in efficiencies in the movement of people in Southern California, as well as of goods throughout the United States due to the project's linkage to the National Highway System and railroad freight Network.

It is therefore my pleasure to support this application.

Sincerely,



Linda T. Sánchez
Member of Congress