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Mr. Arthur T. Leahy
Chief Executive Officer
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
1 Gateway Plaza
Los Angeles, CA 95811

Dear Mr. Leahy,

This letter is written in support of MTA's recent application for Tiger II federal grant funds to be used for the California State Route 138 widening project. This highway, termed "Blood Alley" has been in piecemeal improvement construction since the 1990's.

The particular portion being improved involves establishing a four-lane roadway between an area just west of 165th Street East to about one-half a mile to the west of 190th Street East in Palmdale. Not only will these grant funds create jobs, but the safety of the entire area will vastly improve. Currently, many local residents are reluctant to travel on this portion of the highway.

As an elected California State Assemblyman, I clearly recognize the benefit of obtaining Tiger II grant monies in a timely manner. State Route 138 is an alternate entry into the Santa Clarita Valley and to the entire Los Angeles Basin. It is most important to the safety and well being of our citizens that this highway be completed.

Sincere regards,

Cameron M. Smyth
Assemblyman-38th District

United States Senate

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August 20, 2010

The Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary
Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Los Angeles County's Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (LACMTA) TIGER II Grant Applications


Dear Secretary LaHood:

I am writing to strongly support the Los Angeles County's Metropolitan Transportation Authority's applications for Tiger II Discretionary Grants to help fund the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor, the State Route (SR) 138 Safety and Capacity Enhancements, and the Exposition Corridor Light Rail Project.

- **Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor Project** - This is a new 8.5 mile light rail line that will extend from the Exposition Line at the intersection of Exposition and Crenshaw Boulevards in the north to the Metro Green Line Aviation/LAX Station. It will provide a critical north-south link connecting the South Bay and LAX area with the Exposition Line that is currently under construction, providing access to downtown Los Angeles and West Los Angeles, two major employment destinations.
- **State Route (SR) 138** – This project, applying for TIGER II grant assistance under the rural category for safety and capacity enhancements, will develop 2.6 miles of State route 138 between 165th Street East and 190th Street East near Llano. The project includes widening the roadway from a 2-Lane undivided highway into a standard 4-lane highway and adding a median lane and turn pocket.
- **Exposition LRT Phase 1** – Funding for this project will allow LACMTA to develop safety enhancements and paths for pedestrians and bicycles. The enhancements will expand 8.6 miles from the existing Metro Red/Purple Rail Station at 7th/Metro Center in downtown Los Angeles to the proposed Venice/Robertson Station in Culver City.

The Los Angeles County's Metropolitan Transportation Authority's operates the third largest public transit system in the country and is vital to the region. These are all worthy projects and I kindly ask that you give the requests every consideration. Please keep my office informed of the status of their applications, and if I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to have your staff contact Michael Davies in my Los Angeles office at 310-914-7300.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dianne Feinstein". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator