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The Honorable Ray Lahood  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Honorable Lahood:

I am pleased to convey my strong interest for the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (LACMTA) TIGER II Discretionary Grant request of \$20,000,000 for the State Route 138 Capacity Enhancement project.

It is my understanding that the grant request would accelerate the completion of the final segment (Segment 12) of Phase I, which has been Environmentally Cleared and designed and is scheduled for construction advertisement in January 2011 with a completion date of October 2012. The project is located on State Route (SR) 138 in the unincorporated Antelope Valley area in Northern Los Angeles County near the City of Palmdale.

I encourage the U.S. Department of Transportation to give strong consideration to the \$20,000,000 grant proposal to LACMTA so that we may continue to improve this corridor which serves as the only east-west traffic carrier connecting the Antelope Valley in Los Angeles County and Apple/Victor Valleys in San Bernardino County, and being heavily utilized as a goods movement corridor and has been designated as a high priority corridor due to fatality accidents in the area due to the high truck volume and recreational vehicles.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of LACMTA's TIGER 2 request of \$20,000,000 for the State Route 138 Capacity Enhancement project, I appreciate it. Please forward your reply in care of my Santa Clarita Valley Office.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Howard P. 'Buck' McKeon". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Howard P. "Buck" McKeon  
Member of Congress

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