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Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary LaHood:

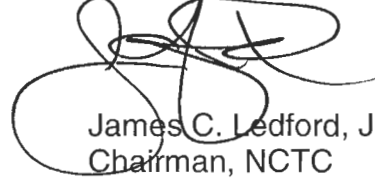
The North County Transportation Coalition (NCTC) is pleased to convey our strong support for the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (LACMTA) TIGER II Discretionary Grant request of \$20,000,000 for the State Route 138 Capacity Enhancement project.

It is our 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.

We strongly encourage the U.S. Department of Transportation to grant \$20,000,000 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. The corridor is a heavily utilized 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 considering the NCTC's strong support for LACMTA's TIGER 2 request of \$20,000,000 for the State Route 138 Capacity Enhancement project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James C. Ledford, Jr.", written over the printed name.

James C. Ledford, Jr.
Chairman, NCTC
Mayor, City of Palmdale

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C: North County Transportation Coalition Members
Brian Lin, Metro