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April 27, 2016

The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

I write to express my strong support for the City of Live Oak's application to the United States Department of Transportation's Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER 2016) competitive grant program for the Live Oak Streetscape Project.

The Live Oak Streetscape Project is a State Route 99 (SR-99) highway improvement project that closely aligns with the primary and secondary TIGER 2016 grant criteria. SR-99 is an integral component of California's overall highway system moving people and goods from northern to southern California. This important state highway is also the main street and commercial corridor of the City of Live Oak.

The project will transform the downtown core of a rural, disadvantaged northern California community and improve traffic flow, goods movement, air quality, and safety on our state highway. It includes the addition of two travel lanes with a median, two-way-left-turn lane, parallel street parking, curb/gutter/sidewalks, landscaping and lighting, rehabilitation of the storm water drainage system, highly visible crosswalks, separated pedestrian facilities meeting ADA standards, and improved local street connections. The estimated cost of the project is \$21.2 million, and the City of Live Oak has secured a 25% non-federal match to the \$15.7 million TIGER funding request.

I believe this project matches perfectly with the stated goals of the TIGER program. The City of Live Oak has been on a continuous journey for the past decade of establishing a vision, collaborating, building partnerships, and investing and leveraging resources necessary to see their community move from an underserved, struggling, economically depressed environment into a desirable, economically sufficient regional jewel. The fact that, in the process, SR-99 traffic flow will improve for the entire region makes the Live Oak Streetscape Project all the more critical.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me in my Washington, DC office at (202) 225-1880.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Garamendi". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

John Garamendi
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