

July 28, 2009

Mr. Raymond H. LaHood
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

**RE: SUPPORT City of Anaheim, California (Orange County) - Gene Autry Way (West)
Highway/Interstate 5 Interchange Construction Project**

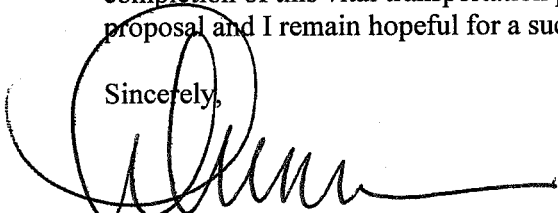
Dear Secretary LaHood:

Orange County Business Council represents and promotes the business community as an IRC 501(c)(6), working with government and academia to enhance Orange County's economic development and prosperity in order to preserve a high quality of life. Increased investment in the construction, management and maintenance of the region's infrastructure is one of our highest priorities to accomplish this mission. With over 250,000 employees locally and over a million employees worldwide, this Council is the voice of business for America's fifth largest county. And because Orange County is an economic engine for the Southland, when Orange County thrives, California thrives.

Thus, Orange County Business Council enthusiastically supports the City of Anaheim's efforts to secure Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant funds for the Gene Autry Way (West) Highway/Interstate 5 Interchange Construction Project.

The Gene Autry Way (West) Highway/Interstate 5 Interchange Construction Project serves to improve traffic circulation and access for local residents and the millions of guests Anaheim welcomes annually to the Anaheim Convention Center, Disneyland, Disney's California Adventure, Honda Center, and Angel Stadium, as well as the future Anaheim Regional Transportation Intermodal Center (ARTIC). The Council contends that this \$75 million transportation project will help grow Orange County's economy, make businesses more competitive regionally, nationally, and internationally, and improve the quality of life for residents, consistent with our mission and purpose. The Council is committed to the success completion of this vital transportation project. Thank you for carefully evaluating Anaheim's proposal and I remain hopeful for a successful outcome.

Sincerely,



Lucy Dunn
President and CEO

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Cc: Kate Klimow, Vice President, Government Affairs, OCBC