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

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I am writing to express my support for the City of Anaheim's application to the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grant Recovery Act program for funding to improve travel conditions and promote safe passageway in the City of Anaheim.

Funding from this grant will enable the use of HOV lanes on Gene Autry Way (West) Highway/Interstate 5 HOV Interchange. This \$75 million project will help increase traffic flow in an area known as the "Orange Crush," which has been identified as the most congested interchange in the nation. With approximately 390,000 vehicles per day moving through the proposed project area on Interstate 5 and numerous tourist attractions in the area, opening access to HOV lanes will address the challenges of traveling in a dense commuter and tourist region. In addition to bringing relief to an overburdened traffic structure, the project would also be of great economic benefit and create much-needed employment in the area.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and I hope you will give the City of Anaheim's application every consideration. If you have any questions please contact Chris Carrillo in my Los Angeles office at (310) 914-7300.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dianne Feinstein". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dianne" being particularly prominent.

Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator