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The Honorable Ray LaHood  
Secretary of Transportation  
United States Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I am writing on behalf of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) in support of the Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority's (CCRMA) Tiger II application for the **East Loop** project in Brownsville, Texas.

This is a project that our agency has long supported. Recently, the state Transportation Commission prioritized the East Loop when it chose to allocate \$34 million dollars from the state Pass-Through funding program for the project. These monies will be used to reimburse the CCRMA for the funds they will dedicate towards the construction of certain segments of the corridor.

The application the CCRMA has submitted to the United States Department of Transportation will enable them to build an ultimate facility along this corridor providing for a more efficient trade route. The \$23 million they are requesting will allow them to achieve the maximum benefits of a new freight corridor that will increase safety, enhance connectivity, reduce congestion, improve livability and create a sustainable economic development environment for many years to come. In addition, this project and application are aligned with the goals of TxDOT to reduce congestion, enhance safety, expand economic opportunity, improve air quality, and increase the value of our transportation assets.

We ask for your most favorable consideration of this funding request by the CCRMA. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at (512)305-9501.

Sincerely,

Amadeo Saenz, Jr., P.E.  
Executive Director

cc: Mario R. Jorge, P.E., Pharr District Engineer, TxDOT

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