

United States Senate

Secretary Elaine L. Chao
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

July 16, 2018

Dear Secretary Chao,

I write in support of the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada's Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant application for the final design and full implementation of the Las Vegas Medical District Automated Circulator and Connected Pedestrian Safety Project. This project, commonly referred to as GoMed, is a collaboration between the City of Las Vegas and the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC).

The GoMed project meets the safety, quality of life and environmental protection criteria of the BUILD program. GoMed uses innovative technology to reduce fatal and serious injury crashes with an estimated annual cost savings of \$6.1 million. It increases transportation choices and expands access to essential health care services, most notably for the high concentration of underserved young and elderly people in the area. Through a combination of technology and infrastructure, GoMed provides 200,000 hours of annual travel time savings, a reduction of fuel usage of more than 70,000 gallons and a decrease of carbon dioxide emissions by almost 700 tons annually. These savings will increase as the area experiences growth and development, particularly with the imminent opening of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) School of Medicine.

The GoMed project offers technology solutions to achieve the shared goals of US DOT and the Las Vegas Valley, increasing safety and mobility in the community. Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada is eager to build upon recent successes with automated vehicles and looks forward to leading the effort to share these achievements and experiences with other cities across the nation.

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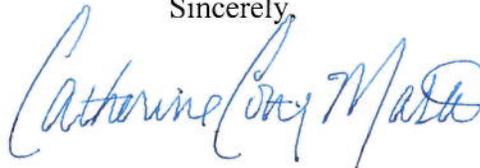
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Please give fair and full consideration of their application. If you have any questions, you may refer them to Gillian Block, Grants Director, at 775-686-5750 or gillian_block@cortezmasto.senate.gov. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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