



## City of Placerville

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The Honorable Elaine Chao  
Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

The City of Placerville supports the application of the El Dorado County Transportation Commission to the United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD 2018) competitive grant program for the US 50 *Camino Corridor Safety and Community Access Project Phase 2*.

The El Dorado County Transportation Commission (EDCTC) is requesting BUILD program funding to support a critical project for the region. Located along US Highway 50 which is one of only two routes accessing the Lake Tahoe Basin, in the community of Camino between Still Meadows Road and Upper Carson Road; this project is both locally and regionally significant. This segment of US 50 has experienced collision rates higher than the state average over the last 10 years with 166 accidents and 9 fatalities. A safety and access mitigation project in the Camino Area of US Highway 50 has been studied extensively for three decades. Funding already dedicated to Phase 2 includes Highway Safety and Improvement Program Funds and local State Transportation Block Grant Program funds which will leverage BUILD program funds to deliver Phase 2.

The City strongly supports EDCTC's BUILD application for the US 50 *Camino Corridor Safety and Community Access Project Phase 2*. The City believes this project will significantly improve the safety, operations, quality of life, and emissions for travelers along the US 50 corridor. This project is supported by multiple stakeholders along the corridor and would be difficult to fund through other means. The City of Placerville urges USDOT to give EDCTC's application full consideration.

Sincerely,

Mayor Wendy Thomas  
City of Placerville