



July 6, 2018

The Honorable Elaine Chao  
United States Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington DC, 20590

RE: SR-28 Shared Use Pathway 2018 BUILD Grant Letter of Support

Dear Ms. Chao,

The Incline Village General Improvement District (IVGID) appreciates and supports the Tahoe Transportation District's (TTD) BUILD grant application for the next phase of the State Route 28 Shared Use Pathway. We are a rural area that relies upon this critical infrastructure and we are consistently challenged with safety issues and congestion along the State Route 28 corridor of the Lake Tahoe Basin. This is a narrow two-lane highway with steep topography and traffic at peak season can be delayed for hours impeding commuters, visitors, and emergency response vehicles. Working together, the project partners set the goal of this multi-phased project to clear congestion, provide safe multi-modal access to Lake Tahoe's east shore, provide road safety improvements, underground and replace 40-80+ year old utility infrastructure, and to control erosion along the highway shoulder in order to protect the highway and Lake Tahoe's water quality.

Within this corridor, IVGID operates and maintains approximately 11.5 miles of underground pipeline that carries treated wastewater effluent out of the Tahoe Basin. This pipeline, originally constructed in 1970, is approaching the end of its service life. IVGID has replaced 5.5-miles of the pipeline to date and condition assessment activities have identified an additional 3.75-miles that must be replaced in the near future. Additional condition assessment of the final 2.25-miles is scheduled for the fall of 2018.

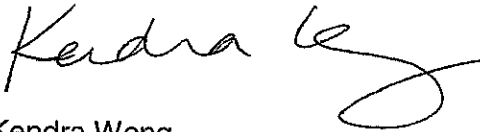
It is IVGID's desire to relocate the replacement sections of pipeline to within the Shared Use Pathway as much as physically possible within the project area. As one of 13 project partners, IVGID is providing \$300,000 in funding, via a January 2013 Interlocal Agreement with TTD (amended October 2014), for the current Environmental Analysis which is on track to be completed this year.

The entire length of the 3.75-miles of pipeline identified for near term replacement is located within the alignment of the proposed next phase of the SR-28 Shared Use Pathway. IVGID believes there is a tremendous opportunity to relocate the pipeline out of the narrow highway footprint and into the pathway alignment. Doing so eliminates future traffic congestion during normal pipeline maintenance, substantially reduces pipeline construction costs, and halves the duration of traffic impacting construction. Additionally, co-location would allow the installation of fire hydrants on the replacement pipeline to support the firefighting activities in the event of a wildland fire along the eastern shore of Lake Tahoe. IVGID has \$7.5 million dollars available as a match for this BUILD grant to allow co-location and construction of the replacement 3.75-mile pipeline segment.

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As you are aware, our small rural communities need assistance in replacing aging infrastructure. But just as important, this National Scenic Byway deserves our attention in providing the over 2.6 million motorists in this stretch a safe driving experience, the over one million visitors safe multi modal access to their public lands, and to protect the water clarity of this national treasure, Lake Tahoe.

Sincerely,



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Chairwoman  
Board of Trustees  
Incline Village General Improvement District