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The Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
400 7th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary LaHood:

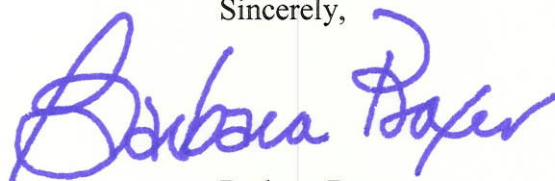
I am writing to express my support for the application submitted by the County of Stanislaus to the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant program.

Currently, the volume of traffic on Claribel Road between Oakdale Road and McHenry Avenue (SR 108) in Northern Stanislaus County is higher than the levels recommended for a two-lane conventional highway. The road is congested during peak hours and has a high accident rate at intersections where vehicles must cross oncoming traffic.

If awarded this funding in the amount of \$3 million, the County of Stanislaus will widen Claribel Road between Oakdale Road and McHenry Avenue to four-lanes with a center median, install 10-foot shoulders that will include Class 1 Bike Lanes and install a signal at the Claribel/Coffee intersection. These upgrades will improve vehicle, pedestrian and bicycle safety.

In advance, I thank you for your consideration of this application. Should you or your staff have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Ameen Khan in my Fresno office at (559) 497-5109.

Sincerely,



Barbara Boxer
United States Senator

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