



MEMORANDUM

Date: June 18, 2019
To: Council Members, Sean McGlynn, Sue Gallagher, Daisy Gomez
From: Liz Licursi
Subject: Support for BUILD: Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development Grant Program Request – US 101/Hearn Avenue interchange

Attached is the letter of support for BUILD: Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development Grant Program Request – US 101/Hearn Avenue interchange, to be signed by the Mayor.



June 11, 2019

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

Re: Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Program Request – US 101/Hearn Avenue Interchange – City of Santa Rosa

Dear Secretary Chao:

On behalf of the City of Santa Rosa, I am writing to express my support for the application of the City of Santa Rosa to the United States Department of Transportation's Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD 2019) competitive grant program for the US 101/Hearn Avenue Interchange Project (Project).

TOM SCHWEDHELM
Mayor

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Vice Mayor

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In collaboration with the Caltrans, Sonoma County Transportation Authority (SCTA), the City of Santa Rosa is requesting \$14.0 million in BUILD 2019 grant funding to modify and reconstruct the existing interchange on US 101 and Hearn Avenue as envisioned in the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's Bay Area Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

The Project is environmentally approved with the design phase scheduled for completion in 2019 and construction ready to begin in 2020. BUILD 2019 grant funding would also leverage dedicated local Measure M transportation sales tax funding to complete the construction phase of the Project.

Anticipated benefits of the Project to achieve the BUILD grant criteria include improved regional traffic circulation and operations, increased multimodal access, connectivity and overall enhanced safety of the interchange facility. The Project will also better serve local disadvantaged communities and strengthen private economic development and competitiveness in the fifth largest city in the San Francisco Bay Area.

As Santa Rosa and Sonoma County continue to recover and rebuild from the 2017 wildfires, I strongly support the implementation of this vital regional transportation investment that will result in a long-term asset for the City and region. Thank you for your consideration. Questions regarding this submittal should be directed to Nancy Adams, Transportation Planner at (707) 543-3910 or nadams@srcity.org.

Sincerely,

Tom Schwedhelm
Mayor

c: Nancy Adams, Transportation Planner BUILD letter.docx