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Mr. Bobby Spiegel
President and CEO
The Greater Corona Valley Chamber of Commerce
904 East Sixth Street
Corona, CA 92879

Dear Mr. Spiegel:

Thank you for your letter, cosigned by Cynthia Schneider, to Secretary LaHood in support of the Letter of Interest (LOI) submitted on behalf of the SR-91 Corridor Improvement Project for a Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) loan.

The TIFIA Joint Program Office published a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) on January 25; the deadline to submit the LOIs was March 1. The selection criteria listed in the NOFA relates to (1) economic competitiveness; (2) enhanced livability; (3) improved safety; (4) environmental sustainability; and (5) fostering a state of good repair; these criteria will be used to evaluate the LOIs. The Department received 34 LOIs requesting slightly over \$14 billion for projects across the United States totaling more than \$48 billion in total investment. This level of interest far exceeds the amount of budget authority available.

I can assure you that the LOI for the TIFIA loan for this project will receive fair and thorough consideration.

A similar letter has been sent to Cynthia Schneider. If you need further information or assistance, please feel free to call Duane Callender, Director of the TIFIA Joint Program Office, Office of Innovative Program Delivery, Federal Highway Administration. Mr. Callender may be reached at 202-366-9644.

Sincerely,

Regina S. McElroy
Director
Office of Innovative Program Delivery

