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October 26, 2011

Ray LaHood, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Support for the Century Boulevard Multimodal Corridor Improvement Project

Dear Mr. LaHood:

I am writing in support of the City of Inglewood's Tiger III grant application to secure funding for the development of the Century Boulevard Multimodal Corridor Improvement Project. This project will improve the 100-feet-wide 3 mile right of way of the Boulevard in Inglewood from Van Ness Avenue on the east to La Cienega on the west.

This project will not only maximize mobility opportunities along Century Boulevard transportation but it will stimulate the local economy and create jobs. A special focus of this planning effort will be given to engaging local residents in identifying projects that can be implemented by their own leadership and participation, leading to an informed and empowered community to grow and manage a healthier city.

Century Blvd will be the primary street that residents, shoppers and visitors will use to access the Hollywood Park Tomorrow Project, a 236-acre, mix-use development. The development is scheduled to break ground next year. This two billion dollar development project will create 19,000 construction and permanent jobs. The Century Boulevard Multimodal Corridor Improvement Project is also the primary street for residents and visitors to access Madison Square Garden's proposed renovation of the Great Western Forum into a state-of-the art entertainment venue. If approved by the City, this reconstruction project will generate 328 full-time construction jobs and 260 permanent jobs in the city. The Century Boulevard reconstruction project provides a unique opportunity to showcase regional infrastructure project that illustrates the nexus between transportation projects and economic competitiveness.

As a resident of Inglewood, I know firsthand the great importance this grant opportunity will have on this city. This is why I am highly recommending City of Inglewood's Tiger III grant application.

Thank you again for your consideration.

Sincerely,

RODERICK D. WRIGHT Senator, 25th District

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