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

Dear Secretary LaHood:

Re: Support for the Century Boulevard Mobility Improvement Project

On behalf of South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG), I submit this letter of support for the City of Inglewood's TIGER Discretionary Grant application to secure funding for the Century Boulevard Mobility Improvement Project. Century Boulevard is a major arterial in Los Angeles County that traverses through both the Cities of Los Angeles and Inglewood.

The Century Boulevard Mobility Improvement Project will improve the 100-feet-wide three mile right of way of the Boulevard in Inglewood from Van Ness Avenue on the east to La Cienega on the west. Improvements would include pavement replacement, traffic flow improvements, pedestrian safety, streetscape, public right-of-way, landscape and drainage.

Theses necessary improvements to Century Boulevard will stimulate the local economy and create jobs. Job creation and near and long-term economic activity remain top priorities for the Obama Administration and for the City of Inglewood as well as the SBCCOG. This project provides a unique opportunity to showcase a regional infrastructure project that illustrates the nexus between transportation and economic competitiveness.

Furthermore, the Century Boulevard Mobility Improvement Project will have the added benefit of improving the condition of the existing transportation facilities and systems, which will minimize their life cycle costs. And, this project will make this major arterial thoroughfare more sustainable by promoting non-motorized transportation activities by creating bicycle lanes and pedestrian linkages, promoting the use of public transit by creating exclusive bus lanes, and increasing the efficiency of a major regional transportation corridor through effective signal synchronization.

For these reasons, the SBCCOG supports the City of Inglewood and the Century Boulevard Mobility Improvement Project and urges the U.S. Department of Transportation to award TIGER funding to see these project objectives realized.

Sincerely,

Ralph L. Franklin, SBCCOG Chair
Councilman, Inglewood

cc: Mayor James Butts, City of Inglewood