

April 13, 2020

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao  
Secretary of Transportation  
Office of the Secretary of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Chao,

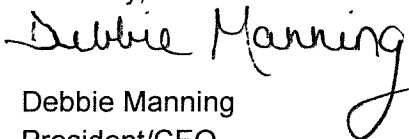
I am writing on behalf of the El Dorado Hills Chamber of Commerce to express our support for the Capital SouthEast Connector Joint Powers Authority application for Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant.

El Dorado Hills serves as the eastern terminus of the 34-mile Connector and as the organization representing our area business community, the Chamber has long been supportive of the project given the significant transportation and economic-developments it will provide to our community, including better and safer access for our many employers and our growing retail presence.

Congestion on Highway 50 is a significant and growing problem, and we know it already is and will in the future negatively impact El Dorado Hills competitiveness. Providing parallel capacity south of Highway 50 has long been a regional transportation need that the Connector directly addresses, and we're excited to see more of the project get into construction. The requested BUILD grant will make that possible.

We thank you in advance for strongly considering the Connector JPA's BUILD grant application and hope it's one you can support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Debbie Manning". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name and title.

Debbie Manning  
President/CEO