



October 18, 2017

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 an Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) 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, including the segment between Folsom and El Dorado Hills, get into construction. The requested INFRA grant will make that possible.

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

Sincerely,

Debbie Manning
President/CEO