



## City of Blackfoot Idaho

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Elaine Chao  
U.S. Secretary of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE  
Washington D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Chao,

I am pleased to write this letter of support on behalf of the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes Department of Transportation, and express my thoughts on their BUILD grant application. This grant will fund the Fort Hall Connect: Strengthening Community Through Transportation Investment Initiative.

The City of Blackfoot borders the north boundary of the Fort Hall Reservation, which provides many opportunities to share transportation infrastructure. As Mayor of the City of Blackfoot, I am focused on infrastructure improvement. We are also working with the Tribal Business Council to evaluate shared opportunities for business development, sharing a desire to improve the business outlook for all area residents. Improving infrastructure for the Tribes provides substantial benefits and opportunities for City of Blackfoot.

The Fort Hall Connect Program is very important for our region, as it will foster economic growth, improve connectivity and transit opportunities, and potentially create a new model for beneficial development within the State of Idaho. This program deserves your funding.

Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Marc Carroll,  
Mayor, City of Blackfoot