

September 12, 2017

Elaine Chao, Secretary
US Secretary of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE
Washington D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Chao,

On behalf of the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes Department of Transportation I am pleased to write this letter of support for the TIGER grant application being submitted by the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes to fund the Fort Hall Connect: Strengthening Community through Transportation Investment.

The Idaho Transportation Department is the state agency tasked with overseeing all Federal and State Highways within the State of Idaho. We have a strong working relationship with the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes and will be reconstructing the Fort Hall Interchange on Interstate 15 in 2021.

The Fort Hall Connect is very important for our region as it will foster economic growth, improve connectivity, improve transit options and create a new model for beneficial development in the State of Idaho.

We fully support the Fort Hall Connect project proposal and believe it would tie in nicely with the new interchange. The Shoshone-Bannock Tribes have a very strong vision for community and economic growth and this is supported by their local comprehensive plan. The Idaho Transportation Department, District 5 Offices would like to offer its full support to the Shoshone-Bannock tribes in their pursuit to secure this project via the TIGER process.

Thank you for your consideration of this beneficial project.

Sincerely,

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