

May 1, 2020

Honorable Elaine L. Chao
U.S. Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, DC 20590

**Re: Fort Lauderdale Downtown Development Authority's (DDA) 2020
BUILD Application**

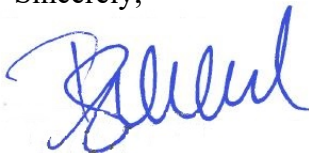
Dear Secretary Chao,

It is with great pleasure that I write to express my strong support for the Fort Lauderdale DDA's BUILD grant application to help fund the design and construction of complete street improvements in downtown Fort Lauderdale.

We recognize the importance of the first and last mile connections as riders arrive and depart our station platforms located in South Florida's major cities, Miami, Fort Lauderdale and West Palm Beach. We have formed partnerships with on-demand app-based service providers and maintain partnerships with organizations like the DDA and the City of Fort Lauderdale to improve the public realm in and around the station. As part of the station development, we built a new public right-of-way that included a two-way north/south street, sidewalk and other pedestrian amenities to connect to NE 4th Street, a critical east/west corridor for all modes of travel. We are supportive of the DDA's plan to redesign and rebuild NE 4th Street and NE 8th Street. Both connect to major destinations to/from our facility and to the surrounding neighborhoods, giving a healthy and safe option for people to move around the City.

I hope you will strongly consider approving this application request for all its quality of life, mobility, and environmental benefits.

Sincerely,



Patrick Goddard
President