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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 2020 BUILD Application

Dear Secretary Chao:

On behalf of the Fort Lauderdale Downtown Development Authority (DDA), it gives me great pleasure to express the DDA's commitment to advancing the complete streets projects outlined in our 2020 BUILD grant application package. I am pleased to report that on May 14, 2020, the Fort Lauderdale DDA Board of Directors unanimously approved capital funding in the amount of \$609,700 to be allocated toward the required local match for this grant.

The successful receipt of U.S. DOT BUILD grant funding allows us the opportunity to kickstart post-COVID recovery efforts in our city center with capital projects that put people to work while improving transportation and mobility in Downtown Fort Lauderdale. This is truly a win-win outcome with triple-bottom-line benefits to the public and private sectors; an approach that is fundamental to the mission of the DDA.

We have a strong base of community stakeholders advocating for this grant, as evidenced by the numerous letters of support we share with you and in our formal application. We also have a track record of implementing similar capital improvements in DowntownFTL, demonstrating a responsible and effective use of federal funds to improve safety, enhance quality of life, and encourage economic development.

Together with the City of Fort Lauderdale and our project partners, we are excited about moving this program of work forward and hope you will give serious consideration to funding our request. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

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Jenni Morejon
President & CEO

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