

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

June 25, 2013

Honorable Ray LaHood  
Secretary  
Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary LaHood:

We write to express our support for the grant application submitted by the Cities of Industry and Diamond Bar, CA for \$20 million from the Transportation Infrastructure Generating Economic Recovery Program (TIGER) for the 57/60 Confluence Project.

California State Route 60 (SR-60) in our district is the most heavily utilized east-west goods movement freeway in Southern California. As the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach handle 45% of all U.S. imports, many of those goods travel on the 60 freeway to distribution centers throughout Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties. A recent study by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) projected truck volumes to grow to almost 44,000 a day by 2035 on SR-60, a staggering number that the 57/60 Confluence Project aims to prepare for.

At the eastern edge of Los Angeles County, SR-60 coexists with the north/south California State Route 57 (SR-57) for two miles. This segment, known as the 57/60 Confluence, currently carries 300,000 vehicles per day, including over 26,000 trucks. The Confluence is highly congested and unsafe due to traffic weaving when the two freeways combine and the presence of a local interchange in the middle of the segment.

SR-60 is identified in SCAG's 2012 Regional Transportation Plan one of the top priority freight corridors in Southern California. The California Department of Transportation has identified the Confluence as a top 5 congestion hotspot in the State. The Confluence area was also identified in SCAG's as the second most dangerous truck corridor in Southern California.

The 57/60 Confluence Project includes improvements to both the eastbound and westbound directions of SR-60 between the SR-57 connectors, as well as improvements to the Grand Avenue local interchange, at a total cost of \$251.3 million. The Project segment for which TIGER funding is being requested will complete the construction of the proposed westbound improvements on SR-60. This will include an auxiliary lane on SR-60 and a new westbound on-ramp at the Grand Avenue interchange. This segment will cost a total of \$37 million. The \$20 million TIGER grant will be matched by \$14.3 million in Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority funding. In addition, the City of Industry has invested \$2.7 million in the Project that will facilitate the completion of engineering work by early 2014 and allow construction to begin in mid-2014.

The 57/60 Confluence Project will greatly relieve congestion and improve safety along a regionally and nationally significant goods movement corridor. The funding being requested by the Cities of Industry and Diamond Bar would be a smart and valuable investment for the TIGER Program. We appreciate your careful consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

  
Grace F. Napolitano  
Member of Congress

  
Edward R. Royce  
Member of Congress