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The Honorable Elaine Chao
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey, Ave, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

I am writing in support of the Navajo Nation's application for improvements to the US Hwy. 64 corridor from Shiprock to Beclabito; beside intersection safety improvements to the main roads leading to Navajo Chapter local government centers along this corridor, of particular interest are pedestrian / multimodal safety improvements within about a 2 mile stretch in the Shiprock school zone area of this corridor. If the BUILD grant is able to fund this project, it should significantly reduce the number of injury or fatal accidents along this corridor, especially related to the lives of our children, attending school within underdeveloped road infrastructure for pedestrians along the Shiprock School Zone corridor.

Your consideration for funding to implement these intersection and Shiprock School Zone improvements will be most sincerely appreciated by the many citizens who regularly travel this corridor – whether by vehicle, bicycle, or their own two feet!

Sincerely,

Robert Kuipers, Northwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization
Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments

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