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Secretary Elaine Chao
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Secretary Chao,

The City of South Tucson strongly supports the BUILD grant application to be submitted by Pima County for planning of a rail bypass to serve the developing Aerospace Research Campus south of the Tucson International Airport. The benefits of new rail and highway connections between Interstates 10 and 19 would have tremendous impact on economic development initiatives near the airport and for the surrounding areas of the County. In addition, the new rail line would result in improved public safety by reducing the number of at grade crossings that currently exist along the Union Pacific Nogales line.

The City of South Tucson is hopeful that the U.S. Department of Transportation will give careful consideration to this important regional concern.

Sincerely,


Veronica Moreno, Interim City-Manager