

United States Senate

May 12, 2020

The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

***Re: FY 2020 U. S. DOT Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD)
Transportation Discretionary Grants Program, Lafayette Consolidated Government – University
Corridor Project***

Dear Secretary Chao,

I am writing to you today to respectfully ask that you consider the application submitted by the Lafayette Consolidated Government (LCG) to construct the final phases of the University Avenue Corridor Project. LCG is requesting \$23,298,964 million in BUILD grant funding and they will contribute 25 percent in local matching funds.

University Avenue is a major regional connector and the gateway into Lafayette as well as an important economic asset to the community. This corridor extends through key locations such as the Lafayette Regional Airport, the city police department, the University of Louisiana at Lafayette's campus, downtown Lafayette, Interstate 10, and rural parts of the parish.

LCG has had the census tract around the corridor designated an Opportunity Zone and has had the state designate a cultural district to stimulate historic preservation and the arts. The revitalization of the University Avenue corridor and its increased safety and mobility could promote an enhanced quality of life in this community.

I respectfully ask that you give your careful attention and consideration to this proposal.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,


John Kennedy
United States Senator