

May 11, 2020

Honorable Elaine L. Chao, US Secretary
Office of Infrastructure Finance and Innovation
Office of the Secretary of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

We write in support of the BUILD planning grant application for the Canyon County Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) project. The City of Nampa, in partnership with the City of Caldwell and Idaho Transportation Department, are seeking planning funds to improve traffic control systems by upgrading ITS technologies and adding a Traffic Management Center and Police Emergency Operations Center. Idaho Transportation Department owns a portion of the traffic management system in those areas where a state highway passes through each city.

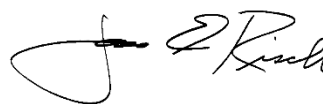
This project is expected to generate several benefits such as increasing public safety, supporting economic growth, and improving livability. In addition, it will optimize traffic patterns and support multimodal travel, from all types and sizes of vehicles to bicyclists and pedestrians.

Traffic congestion within the Treasure Valley (Ada and Canyon Counties) is steadily increasing, due in large part to the significant growth in population occurring in the largest region of the fastest growing state in the nation. This project will help ensure the partners can improve the movement of traffic through these affected areas.

We urge the US Department of Transportation to give this application all due consideration.



MIKE CRAPO
United States Senator



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United States Senator



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