



April 16, 2014

The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue
Washington, DC 20590

RE: U.S. 40, Myton Bench Roadway Widening Project

Dear Mr. Secretary,

The Basin Transit Association (BTA) is supportive of the U.S. 40, Myton Bench Roadway Widening Project. We are a relatively new transit district that has made significant strides in recent years to provide an alternative transportation choice for individuals living in the Uintah Basin. We feel that the service we provide is vital to improving the quality of life for residents in this area, including low-income families, seniors and individuals with disabilities.

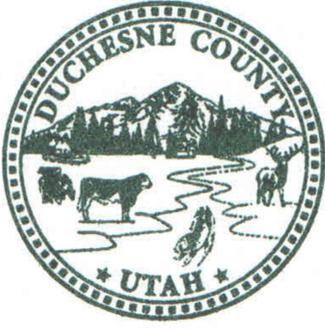
Increased capacity on U.S. 40 is essential to BTA's operations. Improving this corridor, and in particular this three mile section on the Myton Bench, will help to alleviate congestion and ensure BTA's bus service runs reliably on-time. The widened shoulders and safety improvements included in this project are also important to us given our needs. With better shoulders, our buses will be able to pull out for stops and merge back into traffic more easily and safely.

We welcome the investment in our community that this project will bring and ask that federal grant funds be awarded to improve the quality of life of residents living in the region.

Thank you for your consideration,

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RE: US 40 Myton Bench Widening Project

Dear Honorable Anthony Fox:

Duchesne County submits this letter in support of the US 40 Myton Bench widening project and the TIGER grant funding application.

We are in full support of this project. US 40 on Myton Bench has become a serious public safety concern for the County. By widening the road and adding passing lanes, it will address the safety concerns and associated liabilities. This funding opportunity would allow UDOT to fix the safety issues by improving visibility and allow faster moving vehicles to go around slower vehicles.

This project would greatly benefit the residents of Duchesne County and all who drive in this area. This project is well needed to sustain the heavy truck traffic that flows through our county on a daily basis. The amount of traffic will only increase as Duchesne County is the second fastest growing county in the nation.

In conclusion, we respectfully request that TIGER funding be allocated for these needed improvements to US 40 Myton Bench. If we can be of further assistance, please don't hesitate to contact us. We appreciate your consideration of the application.

Sincerely,

DUCHEсне COUNTY COMMISSION

Kent R. Peatross
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DUCHESNE COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT #2

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The Honorable Anthony Fox
Secretary US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
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Dear Sir,

I am writing concerning the US 40 Myton Bench Roadway widening project. This project is on Highway 40 between Myton and Roosevelt in Eastern Duchesne County, Utah. For the past few years this section of road has seen increased traffic flows because of oil and gas exploration in Southern Duchesne County. In the last few years, a number of oil and oil service companies have located their shops and company offices on this 3 mile section of Highway 40 increasing the number of heavy and slow moving vehicles accessing the highway. Also, there have been six oil wells drilled adding to the problem. There are another ten to twelve oil well sites to be drilled in this same area in the near future adding even more slow moving and heavy laden vehicles, increasing the problem. The number of oil hauling trucks that flow through this roadway each day is in excess of 150. Also, heavy loaded water trucks and oil field service trucks are using the highway. We desperately need some relief to the constrained flow of traffic in this 3-mile area.

In addition, the heavy trucks and traffic that enters the highway in this 3-mile stretch of hilly road that are starting from 0 mph and accelerating slowly adds to the congestion and creates a safety problem for the normal flow of traffic. For these safety concerns, we feel that this project qualifies for the TIGER grant. The project has been environmentally cleared and would create a better flow of traffic for the individuals who are driving through this area in passenger vehicles. We also want to make sure that we keep the road in good repair as it is being utilized with heavy loaded vehicles. It is for these reasons that we are asking for you to commit 5.3 million dollars from a TIGER grant from the US Department of Transportaion.

Thank you for your consideration and we would appreciate your prompt action on this request.

Sincerely,



Edmund Bench, Jr.
Chairman, Duchesne County
Special Service District



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April 18, 2014

The Honorable Anthony Foxx
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U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Mr. Secretary,

This letter serves to express our intent to submit a grant application under the Department of Transportation's National Infrastructure Investments, authorized under the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2014, for the U.S. 40, Myton Bench Roadway Widening Project.

This project will impact the Uintah Basin region significantly by increasing mobility, reducing congestion, improving air quality, and facilitating economic development. The Utah Department of Transportation has a proven track record to complete projects on time and on budget, so this project can move to construction quickly.

Recognizing that an efficient transportation network is the lifeblood of commerce and economic growth, the State of Utah and local communities continue to make significant investments in Utah's transportation. With a demonstrated ability to put transportation funds speedily to work, the state is committed to ensure that transportation funds are infused into the economy fast and, at the same time, are spent wisely to address some of Utah's long-standing transportation needs.

We believe the U.S. 40, Myton Bench Roadway Widening Project is an excellent candidate for this grant program and look forward to submitting this application for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary R. Herbert".

Gary R. Herbert
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April 24, 2014

Mr. Carlos Braceras
Executive Director
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RE: US Department of Transportation's National Infrastructure Investments "TIGER Discretionary Grants" Utah Department of Transportation US-40 Myton Bench Roadway Widening

Dear Mr. Braceras:

Thank you for your continued dedication in managing the transportation needs of the state of Utah. It has come to my attention that the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) is requesting federal funds to improve safety on a major highway in a rural energy hub in Utah's Uintah Basin. The project would add two lanes and a passing lane for three miles on US-40 from mileposts 106 to 109, known as the Myton Bench. Through UDOT's planning process, the state has already committed three-fourths of the amount needed to construct the project and is asking for the remainder of the needed funds from the TIGER discretionary grant program.

In addition, with regard to two key criteria for TIGER funding, safety and economic considerations, you have explained that the US-40 Myton Bench Roadway Widening would provide necessary safety improvements and increase economic opportunity in the Uintah Basin, as follows:

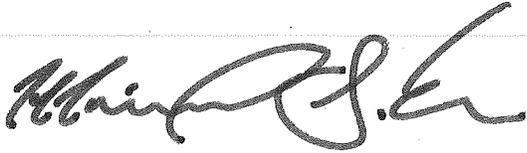
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Economic Consideration: A recent economic and transportation study in the area found that transportation constraints, specifically on the US-40 haul route, are preventing the state from realizing a potential \$24 billion in economic opportunities. This is directly due to inadequacies of transportation options that would help export the vast oil and natural gas resources in the Basin. The construction of this project is a critical piece of the overall strategy to reduce transportation constraints and allow for more energy production in the Basin, which could ultimately be of great benefit to the nation's energy supply. Opportunities associated with this potential energy growth are projected to contribute nearly 27,000 full-time equivalent jobs.

While it is properly the jurisdiction of the U.S. Department of Transportation to analyze the merits of any particular application, I applaud your efforts to invest in Utah's transportation infrastructure to ensure safety and economic growth.

It is an honor to serve you in the United States Senate. If I might ever be of assistance to you or those you serve, please contact my office at 202-224-5444.

Sincerely,

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Mike Lee
U. S. Senator

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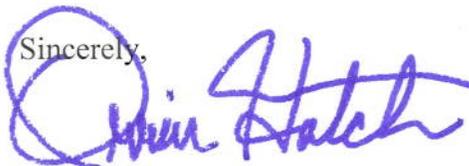
Dear Secretary Foxx:

The Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) is seeking to improve mobility, strengthen the rural economy and preserve critical infrastructure by widening U.S. 40 in Duchesne County, Utah.

U.S. 40 is a vital connection between Colorado and Utah and serves as the primary route to other state and county roads within the county. Economic development and population growth have rendered the current transportation network insufficient.

As you review priorities for the TIGER Discretionary Grant Program, I urge you to keep in mind the critical highway infrastructure that facilitates our nation's critical flow of goods and services.

Sincerely,



Orrin G. Hatch
United States Senator

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The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary, US Department of Transportation
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Dear Secretary Foxx,

I would like to urge full consideration of a TIGER grant application to enable the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) to improve transportation and safety in a rural community that has national energy potential. UDOT is prepared with environmental clearance and has a three-fourths match committed to this turn-key project.

In preparing this grant application for widening US-40 at Myton Bench in the Uintah Basin region, UDOT cited many factors validating a funding need. The grant would allow safety improvements in a rural area of an important multi-state freight corridor, US-40. In the 2013 Myton Bench Concept Report, UDOT identified and prioritized this project as a high safety concern due to the heavy truck volumes along with hilly and mountainous terrain. It was determined that adding passing and two travel lanes would reduce the number of incidents and fatalities historically seen along this three-mile stretch.

This project would also greatly enhance economic opportunities and quality of life for the thousands of residents in the greater Uintah Basin communities across three counties. US-40 is the only major highway connecting these residents to other areas of the state and freeways like Interstate 80 and Interstate 15. It is also a critical haul road for the vast energy production of oil and natural gas in the Basin. A 2013 economic study conducted by UDOT indicated that there will be transportation constraints limiting the egress of energy production to the tune of \$24 billion in lost economic opportunities and 27,000 lost potential new jobs if not addressed. This project could help in reducing that constraint along the haul route and adding capacity for the flow of goods and services to support this regionally and nationally important industry.

Seeing the value of improving safety and an economic benefit, the state of Utah has already committed \$15 million of this \$22 million project. If awarded this grant for the remaining investment, UDOT will be able to start construction in 2016. Based on study findings and its goal to support the economy, UDOT also has other US-40 improvement projects that will add to safety and mobility for the Basin and further enhance this grant investment.

I believe this request meets the criteria for a federal grant and I urge your office to give it full consideration. If you have questions about this applicant or the enclosed application, please contact my grant coordinator, Devin Wisner, at 202-225-0453.

Sincerely,

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Rob Bishop
Member of Congress



Todd L. Savage

Executive Vice President & Group Leader
Energy & Oilfield Solutions

April 10, 2014

The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
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RE: US Department of Transportation's National Infrastructure Investments "TIGER Discretionary Grants" Utah Department of Transportation US-40 Myton Bench Roadway Widening

Secretary Foxx:

The Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) is requesting federal funds in the amount of \$5.3 million to improve safety on a major highway in a rural energy hub in Utah's Uintah Basin. The project would add two lanes and a passing lane for three miles on US-40 from mileposts 106 to 109, known as the US 40 Myton Bench Roadway Widening. Through UDOT's planning process, the state has already committed **three-fourths** of the total project investment and is only asking for the remainder of the needed funds from the TIGER investment.

I understand that this project is eligible for federal funds. It has been environmentally cleared and will have the grant funds obligated before 2015. Savage Service Corporation is a privately held company based in Salt Lake City. We have over 200 operations in 39 States. Savage has recently invested several million dollars to purchase state-of-the-art trucks and trailers to transport crude from the Uintah Basin. We have an extensive training program for our employees to ensure our drivers are safe and courteous as we interface with the motoring public. This stretch of US-40 is treacherous and the project in of high interest to Savage, our employees and the motoring public.

Savage has also recently invested millions of dollars at our Savage Energy Terminal in Price, Utah (formerly the Savage Coal Terminal) and at our Savage Bingham and Garfield Terminal in Midvale, Utah, to build crude transload facilities enabling crude to be loaded into railcars and shipped via the Union Pacific and BNSF to refineries across this nation. Savage has created over 50 new high paying jobs in the past six months and we believe that as a result of the new rail access to the producers in the Uintah Basin, we will create another 100 jobs in the next year. All of these new jobs are reliant on trucks being able to safely and efficiently transport crude over US-40.

Additionally, this project addresses two key criteria for TIGER funding, including:

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Secretary Foxx, please give careful consideration to the US-40 Myton Bench Roadway Widening project and approve TIGER funding for its safety and economic benefits. I am happy to visit with you personally on this project. You can reach me (801) 944-6600 with any questions.

Sincerely,



Todd L. Savage

cc: Terrence Savage
Joseph Walker

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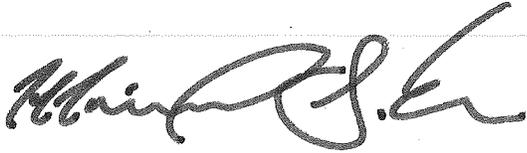
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Mike Lee
U. S. Senator



ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

April 17, 2014

The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary, US Department of Transportation
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RE: U.S. 40 Myton Bench Roadway Widening Project

Dear Secretary Foxx,

As Executive Director of the Uintah Basin Association of Governments (UBAOG) and the Uintah Basin Economic Development District, I am writing to voice my organization's support for the U.S. 40 Myton Bench Roadway Widening Project.

As you may know, the Uintah Basin here in Utah has seen significant population growth and economic development in recent years. Much of this can be attributed to the large oil and natural gas reserves in the area. The Basin has the potential to directly contribute to the nation's energy independence because of these vast reserves.

The large volume of trucks associated with the oil and natural gas industry that drive on our roads indicates just how important the transportation system is to our regional and national economic future.

Our state and local municipalities invest heavily in maintaining this system and adding capacity to keep pace with growing demand. The Utah Department of Transportation's efforts to widen this section of U.S. 40 is important to us and we support it wholeheartedly. We support their effort to secure needed federal funds for this effort.

Sincerely,

Laurie Brummond, Executive Director
Uintah Basin Association of Governments
Uintah Basin Economic Development District



Tammie G. Lucero
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The Honorable Anthony Fox
Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
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April 18, 2014

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in support of the US 40 Myton Bench Roadway Widening Project. This project is very important in enhancing the safety and economic development of the Uintah Basin. A large number of haul trucks use this road everyday alongside many passenger vehicles. Insufficient visibility and inadequate passing lane possibilities create dangerous situations. Crashes and fatalities occur at a higher than normal rate in this area. The addition of added passing lanes will accommodate the large number of haul trucks that use this road and allow faster-moving passenger vehicles to safely maneuver around them. These improvements will also release the constraints that are preventing billions of dollars in potential economic opportunities to take place in the Uintah Basin and for the State. This project will allow for more energy production which will increase revenues, provide more job opportunities, and allow less reliance on foreign oil.

Thank you for your Consideration,

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Tammie G. Lucero
Uintah County Economic Development
Executive Director

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April 9, 2014

The Honorable Anthony Fox
Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation
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The Honorable Anthony Fox:

We endorse the US 40 Myton Bench Roadway Widening Project. This project will add two lanes and a passing lane for three miles on US 40 between Duchesne and Roosevelt Utah (between mileposts 106 and 109).

This project is desperately needed because of the large number of haul trucks using this road. This section of highway is known for its hilly terrain. Passenger vehicle drivers are often impatient with trucks going slowly uphill. And impatience can be dangerous on hills with insufficient visibility and inadequate passing lane possibilities. Crashes, and fatalities resulting from crashes, occur at a higher than normal rate in this area.

Improvements to US 40 will also be a boon to the economic development of the Uinta Basin. A recent study has shown that transportation constraints are preventing the realization of billions of dollars in potential economic opportunities for the Basin and for the State. Projects like this one help reduce those constraints and allow for more energy production in the Uinta Basin, which translates into increased revenue, more jobs and less reliance on foreign oil.

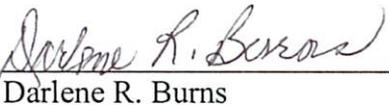
We would greatly appreciate your consideration and support of this project.

Sincerely,

UINTAH COUNTY COMMISSION


Michael J. McKee, Chairman


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April 2, 2014

The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue
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RE: U.S. 40, Myton Bench Roadway Widening Project

Dear Mr. Secretary,

I want to voice my organization's support for the U.S. 40, Myton Bench Roadway Widening Project. This project will widen three miles of U.S. 40 in Duchesne County, Utah. This highway is a significant trucking corridor and a vital backbone of our industry's operations.

In 2010 alone, trucks transportation 87 percent of total manufactured tonnage (196,775 tons per day) in the state. Over 81 percent of Utah communities depend exclusively on trucks to move their goods. In 2012, the trucking industry in Utah provided 64,840 jobs or one out of every 16 in the state. In that same year, total trucking industry wages exceeding \$2.9 billion.

As these statistics show, the trucking industry is vital to Utah's economy. We feel that this grant will help facilitate commerce and is beneficial to the citizens of Utah. It will also help to improve safety in an area that has seen severe crashes in the past. We are happy to support this effort. Please feel free to call me directly should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Rick Clasby, Executive Director



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RE: US Department of Transportation's National Infrastructure Investments "TIGER Discretionary Grants" Utah Department of Transportation US-40 Myton Bench Roadway Widening

Secretary Foxx –

This letter is being written in support of the above referenced application. The Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) is requesting federal funds in the amount of \$5.3 million to improve safety on a major highway in a rural energy hub in Utah's Uintah Basin. The project would add two lanes and a passing lane for three miles on US-40 from mileposts 106 to 109, known as the Myton Bench. Through UDOT's planning process, the state has already committed three-fourths of the total project investment and is only asking for the remainder of the needed funds from the TIGER investment.

This project addresses two key elements. The first element is the need for safety improvements in this area. The highway is congested due to the increase in mining of natural gas and oil in our area. It is estimated that a double crude tanker leaves the area every 2-3 minutes. In fact, much of the traffic in this area is industrial traffic. This puts a heavy burden on the highways which leads to unsafe travel as impatient motorists attempt to pass in a manner that is not safe. The widening projects that have been done in our area in the past have provided tremendous increased safety and have been very appreciatively received by the citizens and industry in our area.

A recent economic and transportation study of our area found that transportation constraints, specifically on the US-40 haul route, are preventing the state from realizing a potential \$24 billion in economic opportunities. This is directly due to inadequacies of transportation needed to export the vast oil and natural gas resources in the Basin. These restraints must be addressed to unlock the energy production in the Basin, which could ultimately be of great benefit to the state and nation's energy supply.

Thank you for your time in considering this improvement project. Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Cheri McCurdy
Executive Director