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July 13, 2018

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

Dear Secretary Chao:

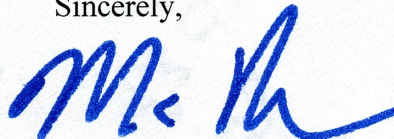
I write in support of the joint Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment (ATCMTD) grant application for the design and implementation of the Managing the Unexpected Everyday Initiative to improve traffic operations in the downtown Fort Lauderdale area.

In 2017, the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles reported 41,316 traffic crashes, 1,094 pedestrian crashes, and 753 bicycle incidents in Broward County resulting in 275 fatalities. Fort Lauderdale has become a part of the Vision Zero effort with the goal of achieving zero fatalities or serious injuries involving road traffic. The Managing the Unexpected Everyday Initiative seeks to safely improve traffic operations in the downtown area and improve travel time for residents and tourists throughout the area.

If awarded this grant, the funds would be used to install adaptive signal control, freight signal priority, variable message signage, closed circuit televisions, expand data collection, and improvements to the fiber optic network. These enhancements would help reduce congestion and traffic flow in one of Broward County's largest employment areas and a key economic center as it provides access to Port Everglades, a major cargo and cruise port in Florida.

I applaud the Florida Department of Transportation and the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization's efforts to improve safety in the downtown Fort Lauderdale area. I request your full and fair consideration of their application.

Sincerely,



Marco Rubio
U.S. Senator