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Secretary Sean P. Duffy
Office of the Secretary of Transportation
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

SUBJECT: Support for the Eastbrook to Shell Double Track (ESDT) Project

Dear Secretary Duffy:

On behalf of Circulate San Diego, whose mission is to create excellent mobility choices and vibrant, healthy neighborhoods, I am writing to support the Eastbrook to Shell Double Track Project (Project) submitted by the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), in partnership with the North County Transit – San Diego Railroad (NCTD), through the FY 2024-25 Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail (FSP) Grant Program.

The Project includes replacing an approximately 100-year-old single-track rail bridge over the San Luis Rey River in the City of Oceanside and constructing a double-track concrete bridge, eliminating a 0.6-mile single-track bottleneck along the Los Angeles-San Diego-San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) Rail Corridor.

The Project is part of a larger effort to double-track the entire San Diego Subdivision of the LOSSAN Rail Corridor, improving safety, reliability, and performance of intercity passenger rail service (the Amtrak Pacific Surfliner). The Project will also benefit BNSF freight and NCTD and Metrolink commuter rail services. As one of the busiest intercity rail corridors in the nation and the only freight rail connection between San Diego and the rest of the state and the country, the LOSSAN Corridor supports national and international commerce and tourism. Importantly, the corridor also supports national defense as part of the Strategic Rail Corridor Network (STRACNET) designated by the Department of Defense.

Circulate San Diego fully supports SANDAG's application for FSP funding to reduce congestion in highly traveled corridors; increase rail safety and efficiency; and enhance multimodal transit connections across our communities, region, state, and nation.

Sincerely,

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