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

SUBJECT: Support for SANDAG's San Ysidro Transit Center Improvements

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 San Diego Association of Governments' (SANDAG) San Ysidro Transit Center Improvements (Project) application for the United States Department of Transportation (US DOT) Fiscal Year 2026 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) to fund the Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Clearance phase.

The Project will advance preliminary engineering and environmental clearance for San Ysidro Transit Center improvements, located adjacent to the US-Mexico border in San Diego County. As a critical component of the Regional Plan transportation network, the future facility will significantly improve Blue Line Trolley operations by adding a third track and platform, improving safety and security, and enhancing multi-modal connectivity and regional and cross-border movement. SANDAG is currently working on planning, outreach, and conceptual design.

The San Ysidro Transit Center serves one of the busiest international border crossings in the world. More people are using the station every year, and the community has outgrown the Transit Center. SANDAG, in partnership with San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS), will improve the San Ysidro Transit Center by incorporating a range of mobility, design, and land use considerations. The Project fulfills the BUILD goals by improving quality of life; mobility and community connectivity; economic competitiveness and opportunity including tourism; partnerships and collaborations; and innovation.

Circulate San Diego recognizes the importance of the San Ysidro Transit Center to the region and appreciates the US DOT for its award consideration of the Project.

Sincerely,

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