

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

February 27, 2026

The Honorable Sean P. Duffy
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590


Dear Secretary Duffy,

We are writing in support of the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) of Washoe County's application to the Department of Transportation's Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Program for the Sun Valley Boulevard Corridor Improvements Project. Developed in partnership with the Nevada Department of Transportation, this project addresses long-standing safety, accessibility, and infrastructure deficiencies that affect daily travel in the Sun Valley community in Washoe County, Nevada.

Sun Valley Boulevard is the Sun Valley community's primary commercial, educational, and transit corridor, serving as the main connection for residents traveling to schools, parks, local services, and regional employment centers throughout Washoe County and the Tahoe-Reno Industrial Center. Additionally, the community uses this corridor for walking, biking and accessing transit. Yet, the roadway lacks continuous sidewalks, ADA-compliant facilities, and safe multimodal infrastructure, creating safety risks for children, seniors, and people with disabilities. Safety concerns are compounded by frequent flooding caused by inadequate drainage capacity, with runoff and sediment overtopping the pavement and creating hazardous conditions for all users and accelerating infrastructure deterioration. Portions of the project area lie within the Sun Valley Wash, a Federal Emergency Management Agency-designated Special Flood Hazard Area, contributing to recurring roadway disruptions and unreliable access for residents and businesses.

The proposed improvements, including construction of an enclosed drainage system and upgrades to pedestrian, ADA, and transit facilities, will help address these long-standing deficiencies by improving roadway safety, reliability, and accessibility for all modes of travel. These investments will strengthen connections to housing, employment centers, schools, public transit, and recreational facilities, particularly for residents who rely on walking, biking, or transit. Improving Sun Valley Boulevard will also strengthen access to regional employment and economic opportunity by creating more reliable and affordable connections between the community and major job centers. For these reasons, we request your full and fair consideration of RTC Washoe County's application. Please do not hesitate to contact either of us, or our staff, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Catherine Cortez Masto
United States Senate

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jacky Rosen". The signature is cursive and elegant, with the first name being the most prominent.

Jacky Rosen
United States Senate

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark D. Amodei". The signature is cursive and includes a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Mark Amodei
United States House of Representatives