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Commissioner

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



William Cass, P.E.
Assistant Commissioner

June 19, 2019

The Honorable Elaine Chao, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Hudson, NH BUILD Grant for Hudson Boulevard Project

Dear Secretary Chao:

Please accept this letter of support for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Discretionary Grant application submitted by the Town of Hudson for the proposed "Hudson Boulevard Project". The Town would use the requested funds to design and construct this new regional connection to help alleviate congestion in downtown Hudson that will promote and support economic development.

The Circumferential Highway was a proposed four-lane tolled divided highway connecting the City of Nashua and Town of Merrimack through Hudson. While only a small portion of the highway was constructed, the land for the entire corridor was purchased. The Town of Hudson proposes constructing 4.8 miles of two-lane roadway along a portion of the alignment of the proposed Circumferential Highway. Traffic projections indicate this new roadway would attract over 20,000 vehicles a day that are currently traveling on congested local roads.

Hudson is in southern New Hampshire and lies between two major north-south corridors, the F.E. Everett Turnpike to the west and Interstate 93 to the east. Access to the Turnpike is complicated by the presence of the Merrimack River, which forms the western boundary of Hudson. The capacity constraints of the bridges over the river have resulted in increased traffic diversion mostly on local roads in Hudson.

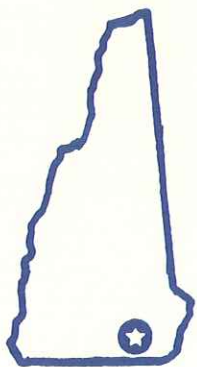
This project would be a significant investment for southern New Hampshire that would greatly reduce congestion and promote economic development throughout the region. I am pleased to offer my support for this application and would be happy to assist the Town in any way necessary.

Sincerely,

Victoria F. Sheehan
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TOWN OF HUDSON

Board of Selectmen



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July 1, 2019

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao
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RE: Town of Hudson, New Hampshire BUILD Grant Application for the new "Hudson Boulevard"

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The project proposes using land previously purchased for the Circumferential Highway to construct an additional 4.9-mile segment of the existing highway. The Circumferential Highway was planned as a four-lane divided highway connecting Nashua and Merrimack. The Town proposes constructing a two-lane roadway along the alignment of the proposed Circumferential Highway. Traffic projections indicate this new roadway would attract over 20,000 vehicles a day that are currently traveling on congested local roads.

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Sincerely,

HUDSON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

David S. Morin
Chairman



June 19, 2019

Honorable Elaine L. Chao
Secretary of Transportation
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
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Re: Town of Hudson, New Hampshire Build Grant Application for the new "Hudson Boulevard"

Dear Secretary Chao:

Please accept this letter an expression of our enthusiastic support for the Town of Hudson, New Hampshire's Build Grant Application for the proposed Hudson Boulevard project. The funds would enable the Town to advance a critical regional connection between heavily traveled state highways that would alleviate congestion in downtown Hudson and adjacent city of Nashua while unlocking the economic potential of hundreds of acres of commercial and industrial land.


The Nashua Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) serves as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) responsible for facilitating transportation policy-making in the region, administering the federal transportation process and ensuring that investments in transportation projects and programs are based on a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive planning process. As such, we are keenly aware of the key role the Hudson Boulevard project would play in the region's transportation system.

The Hudson Boulevard project will be designed as a two-lane limited access road located within existing highway right-of-way previously purchased for a larger four-lane highway project. With the right-of way already in place, construction of the project could be expedited without that added cost of right-of-way acquisition and with few if any adverse impacts to land use or existing traffic flows.

Approval of Hudson's Build grant application would result in a significant investment in the future of southern New Hampshire by increasing the capacity of the road network, reducing congestion and providing new economic development opportunities. We urge that every consideration be given to this application. We would be pleased to provide any addition information, materials or support needed. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

NASHUA REGIONAL PLAANING COMMISSION



Jay Minkarah
Executive Director



**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU
Governor

July 8, 2019

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The project proposes using land previously purchased for the Circumferential Highway by the NH Department of Transportation (NHDOT) to construct an additional 4.8-mile segment of the existing highway. The Circumferential Highway was planned as a four-lane divided highway connecting Nashua and Merrimack. However, NHDOT has no current plans and no state funds available to complete the project. The Town has committed to build this portion proposing construction of a two-lane roadway along the alignment of the proposed Circumferential Highway. Traffic projections indicate this new roadway would attract over 20,000 vehicles a day that are currently traveling on congested local roads.

This grant would be a significant investment for southern New Hampshire that would greatly reduce congestion and promote economic development throughout the region. I am pleased to offer my support for this application and would be happy to assist the Town in any way necessary.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris T. Sununu".

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor



The Senate of the State of New Hampshire

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This grant would be a significant investment for southern New Hampshire that would greatly reduce congestion and promote economic development throughout the region. I am pleased to offer my support for this application and would be happy to assist the Town in any way necessary.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharon M. Carson".

Senator Sharon M. Carson
Senate District 14
New Hampshire State Senate

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June 12, 2019

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao,

I am proud to support the town of Hudson and their application for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant. These funds will help create a new regional connection to alleviate congestion in downtown Hudson and promote economic development.

The town of Hudson is located between two major north-south corridors, the F.E. Everett Turnpike and Interstate 93. Access to the Turnpike is complicated by the presence of the Merrimack River and traffic congestion constrains the narrow bridges over the river. This trend has resulted in an increase in diverted traffic onto smaller local roads. The new "Hudson Boulevard" project proposes using land, previously purchased by the New Hampshire Department of Transportation for the Circumferential Highway, to construct an additional 4.8-mile segment of highway. Traffic projections indicate this new roadway would attract more than 20,000 vehicles per day that are currently traveling on congested, local roads not designed for such levels of throughput.

I am pleased to fully support the Town of Hudson's application for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development grant, which would provide critical assistance to the local economy and infrastructure. Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions or status updates, you may reach out to Tom Giancola from my office at Tom.Giancola@mail.house.gov or (603) 595-2006.

Sincerely,

Ann McLane Kuster
Member of Congress

United States Senate

July 1, 2019

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao
Secretary of Transportation
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

I write in support of the application from the Town of Hudson for a federal Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant for the new "Hudson Boulevard." The town would use these funds to create a new regional connection to help alleviate traffic congestion in downtown Hudson.

Strengthening and modernizing our transportation infrastructure is critical to the success of our people and businesses. Hudson, New Hampshire lies between two major north-south corridors, with the F. E. Everett Turnpike to the west and Interstate 93 to the east, but access to the Turnpike from the town is complicated because motorists must cross the Merrimack River. The proposed Hudson Boulevard project would improve access by using land that was previously purchased for a highway from Route 3A to Route 111 that was never completed.

The capacity constraints of the bridges over the Merrimack River have resulted in increased traffic diversion to local roads in Hudson, with the greatest volume of traffic diverting to the Sagamore Bridge. The Sagamore Bridge provides direct access to the F. E. Everett Turnpike and has excess capacity for the traffic, but other local roadways were not designed for the degree of traffic that currently utilize them. These roads are heavily congested and are not able to serve the number of vehicles that are now traveling on them. Traffic projections indicate that the proposed "Hudson Boulevard" roadway would attract over 20,000 vehicles a day that are currently traveling on the currently overwhelmed roadways, improving the movement of people and goods and strengthening public safety.

This grant would be a significant investment for southern New Hampshire that would greatly reduce congestion and promote economic development throughout the region. I urge you to look favorably upon their application. Please do not hesitate to contact Dorothy Parsons in my office at (603) 622-2204 if we can be of further assistance. Thank you for your consideration.

With every good wish,



Margaret Wood Hassan
United States Senator

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

June 19, 2019

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Dear Secretary Chao,

I write in support of the application submitted by the Town of Hudson, New Hampshire for funding from the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Discretionary Grant Program. The Town will use funding to construct 'Hudson Boulevard,' a new infrastructure project that would benefit the region by easing congestion in downtown Hudson and promoting economic development.

The Town of Hudson is located in southern New Hampshire and lies between two major north-south corridors, the F.E. Everett Turnpike to the west and Interstate 93 to the east. Access to the Turnpike is complicated by the Merrimack River, which forms the western boundary of the town. Currently, the only direct connection between Hudson and the Turnpike is the Sagamore Bridge. As of July 2018, the bridge has experienced an Annual Weekday Daily Traffic of 49,000 vehicles per day. While the bridge has excess capacity for traffic, downtown Hudson does not, leading ultimately to increased congestion and reduced safety.

With funding from the BUILD Program, the Town will create an additional 4.8 mile segment of highway on land previously purchased by the NH Department of Transportation. Traffic projections show that this addition to the highway would attract over 20,000 vehicles per day that are currently travelling on Hudson roads. In addition, Hudson Boulevard would promote economic growth in the Southern New Hampshire region, as it would provide for easier movement of goods and services between Hudson and the bordering City of Nashua. Businesses in the Greater Nashua-Hudson area rely on commerce between neighboring communities, and easing congestion with new infrastructure would be critical to facilitating movement of their products throughout the region.

This grant would be a significant investment for southern New Hampshire that would reduce congestion and promote economic development. I support the application from the Town of Hudson and urge your serious consideration of its worthy proposal. If you have any questions, please contact Jon Jarvis from my staff at (603) 647-7500. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Jeanne Shaheen
United States Senator

CC: Town of Hudson, NH