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The Honorable Sean Duff
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Subject: Support for Imperial County's Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Application

Dear Secretary Duffy,

The Heber Public Utility District is pleased to submit this letter of support for Imperial County's funding request through the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant program. This grant will fund two supplemental planning activities designed to enhance the County's existing Local Roadway Safety Plan (LRSP) and advance the County toward implementation-ready safety improvements.

The first activity is the development of a Comprehensive Speed Management Plan to address unsafe speed, which accounts for 25.5% of all crashes countywide. This Plan will integrate real-time data, recent collision history, and interagency coordination to identify the contributing factors behind speed-related crashes. It will also establish a systematic framework for conducting speed surveys throughout the County.

The second activity involves conducting Road Safety Audits (RSAs) for the top-priority roadway segments identified in the County's LRSP. Each audit will result in 30% conceptual plans and preliminary cost estimates, providing the County with project-ready documentation that directly informs the LRSP's strategy and project selection process.

The Heber Public Utility District is strongly supportive of Imperial County's efforts to advance these critical safety planning initiatives. Together, these activities will strengthen the County's LRSP with data-driven, evidence-based strategies while positioning Imperial County to competitively pursue future infrastructure funding opportunities. We ask for your favorable consideration of this important investment in roadway safety.

Sincerely,

Pompeyo Tabarez
Board President
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