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October 7, 2020

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

Dear Secretary Chao:

I write in support of the application submitted by the Maine Department of Transportation to the Federal Highway Administration's Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment (ATCMTD) grant opportunity. The Department's Maine Advanced Signal Control and Connected Vehicle System for Safe, Efficient and Equitable Rural Transportation (MAST) Project will support Maine's economy, reduce traffic delays, and increase safety and performance.

MaineDOT is requesting \$3,471,615 in grant funding that will be matched by state funding. The project will replace 43 existing traffic signal controllers. The current traffic detection systems are outdated and located in rural areas. New Advanced Traffic Controller (ATC) devices will have the capability to deliver real-time traffic and signal data, eliminating delays caused by malfunctioning signal equipment. Dedicated Short-Range Communication (DSRC) software will facilitate the instantaneous monitoring of all 43 intersections via broadband technology. With this technology in place, MaineDOT will be able to quickly detect problems and dispatch personnel. New software will also capture valuable comprehensive data about traffic patterns and infrastructure usage. Improving Maine's transportation system is fundamental to fostering economic growth and preserving public safety.

Thank you for your time on behalf of the MaineDOT. I request your careful consideration of this proposal, subject to all applicable laws and regulations, and ask that your staff please notify [REDACTED] when a final decision has been made.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator