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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the Texas Department of Transportation, I am pleased to support the on-going efforts of the El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) related to the "Reconnecting Downtown El Paso via the I-10 Deck Plaza Design Project." The Project will enhance pedestrian safety, expand multimodal connectivity, and address economic development challenges. The application is being submitted in partnership with the City of El Paso, El Paso County, and Deck Plaza Foundation.

This letter is intended to serve as our commitment to work with the MPO to administer the grant funds for the development and construction of the project. If funds are awarded for this project, TxDOT would have the opportunity to incorporate the construction of the deck plaza in the broader Downtown 10 project. Amenities will be constructed by the MPO through local funds within the scope of the project. These amenities will create public spaces ready to be occupied and activated and will be governed through a multiple-use agreement with TxDOT.

Thank you for considering this application. If you have any questions, please call me at (512) 305-9515 or you or your staff may contact Melanie Alvord, Director, Federal Affairs at Melanie.Alvord@txdot.gov or (512) 944-5135.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Williams", written in a cursive style.

Marc D. Williams, P.E.
Executive Director

cc: Tomas Trevino, P.E., District Engineer, El Paso District
Melanie Alvord, Director, Federal Affairs Section