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El Paso County Judge

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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE 9th Floor
Washington, DC 20590

Subject: Letter of Commitment for \$1,000,000 Match for Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP)
Discretionary Grant Program Application

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

El Paso County commits to providing up to \$1,000,000 in local match funding for the Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) Discretionary Grant Program should the I-10 Downtown Deck Project be accepted and funded through the U.S. Department of Transportation.

The I-10 Downtown Deck Project is a once in a generation opportunity to make significant investments in the downtown of El Paso. This project would reconnect neighborhoods historically separated by I-10, provide recreational space in the heart of downtown, and provide enhanced economic opportunities for our region.

It is for these reasons that we commit to this local match for the I-10 Downtown Deck Project. I respectfully urge your thorough and fair consideration of the I-10 Deck application in accordance with all applicable rules and regulations. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at (915) 546-2098.

Sincerely,