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July 1, 2019

Tara Chief, Transportation Director  
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RE: Letter of Support for the BUILD Transportation Discretionary Grant Program

To whom this may concern:

The Whiteriver Service Unit supports the White Mountain Apache Tribe Department of Transportation's (WMAT DOT) application to the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Transportation Discretionary Grant Program.

The WMAT DOT project proposes the reconstruction of 14.4 miles of Route 12 on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation. A satellite clinic of the Whiteriver Service Unit is located in the Cibecue Community. The Cibecue Health Center sees approximately 13,000 non-emergency patients per fiscal year with a staff of twenty. The staff at Cibecue does not include services for optometry, podiatry, dental, nutrition, diabetic education and psychiatry. Additionally, Cibecue residents are transported to the Whiteriver Service Unit or referral facility for emergencies or services that are not provided at the clinic. Route 12 is the primary means to and from Cibecue, and is the road utilized by emergency and non-emergency transport.

The condition of the road has severely deteriorated and requires improvement. There is a significant need for fencing to keep livestock from causing collisions and other hazardous conditions. With patients and staff traveling this road multiple times a day, improvements to the road are supported by the Whiteriver Service Unit.

As a result, we view this reconstruction as taking additional positive steps to improve traffic and road safety for current and future generations of our community. I look forward to seeing the outcomes of this program in the near future. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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# NAVAJO COUNTY

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July 8, 2019

The Honorable Elaine Chao  
Office of the Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590-0001

RE: **Letter of Support for the BUILD Transportation Discretionary Grant Program  
Route 12 - Cibecue**

Dear Secretary Chao:

We write today in support of the White Mountain Apache Tribe Department of Transportation's Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Discretionary Grant application requesting funds for the reconstruction of 14.4 miles of Route 12 on the White Mountain Apache Indian Reservation.

Route 12 is the only paved road into Cibecue and serves as the school bus route for the Cibecue and Whiteriver Schools. Segments of the road are deteriorating rapidly and need reconstruction to ensure the road remains passable in those areas. Poor maintenance of school bus routes on Indian reservations prevents students from getting to school and contributes to the Native American absentee rate that is four times that of non-Native students. In addition to maintaining critically important equal access to education for students, the road is used for emergency transport. Completion of the project will improve public safety and enhance the health and welfare of our residents.

The benefit of receiving this award will be felt immediately. We request that you give the White Mountain Apache Tribe Department of Transportation BUILD application all due consideration.

Sincerely,

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Dawnafe Whitesinger, Chairwoman  
Navajo County Board of Supervisors

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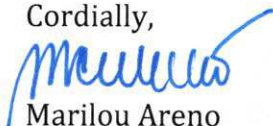
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Cordially,



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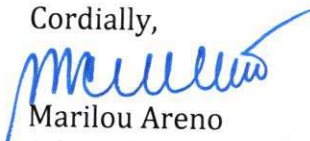
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July 11, 2019

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RE: Letter of Support for the BUILD Transportation Discretionary Grant Program

Dear Sir/Madam,

The White Mountain Apache Police Department supports the efforts of the White Mountain Apache Tribe Department of Transportation's (WMAT DOT) submission of an application to the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Transportation Discretionary Grant Program.

The WMAT DOT project proposes the reconstruction of 14.4 miles of Route 12 on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation. The length of highway has been the gateway to Arizona State Highway 60 for the community of Cibecue. With the ever winding roads to and from the town of Cibecue, traffic is often dense and constant. With members of the community traveling from Cibecue to Whiteriver or nearby townships of Show Low and Pinetop for employment, these road often deteriorate at a fast pace. The roads are as mentioned winding but also narrow. This poses a safety issue for all traffic that travel in and out of the town of Cibecue. The proposed reconstruction will help in emergency situations in all seasons including the winter time when a portion of BIA 12 is covered in snow or ice causing traffic to be limited or stalled until the following day or when equipment are available. Reconstruction will address the problems that have been mentioned and many more that have not been addressed.

With the application of WMAT DOT's BUILD Transportation Discretionary Grant, the White Mountain Apache Police Department is in full support of this application that it will assist in the efforts to reconstruct a safer and viable road way for the community of Cibecue and the White Mountain Apache Tribe on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Shaw" with the number "2134" written below it.

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