



Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

October 27, 2017

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao Secretary of Transportation
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20590

Subject: Charter Oak Bridge FY2017 Infra-Grant Application

Dear Secretary Chao,

The City of Hartford is pleased to support the Connecticut Department of Transportation's application for an FY 2017 INRFA grant to support the Charter Oak Bridge project.

This project would reconfigure certain interchanges of Interstate 91 and associated roadways on either side of the Charter Oak Bridge near downtown Hartford, which would improve safety and reduce congestion at one of the most congested freight bottlenecks in the country. Over the next five years, the State alone has budgeted \$190 million for the Charter Oak Bridge improvements, making it one of the top transportation priorities in its *Let's Go CT!* transportation campaign.

That campaign includes a multi-modal mix of projects throughout the state that the Department of Transportation is pursuing to create a transportation system that encourages modal connectivity, crosses all regions, and provides a stronger framework for economic growth in the state.

The State of Connecticut and the City of Hartford have been working together on a number of transportation projects to improve the flow of traffic at the intersection of Interstates 91 and 84. I respectfully request you give this grant application full consideration because the Charter Oak Bridge project can be a key part of the transformation we're pursuing to enhance the ease of transit through the Capital City.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Luke A. Bronin", is written over a horizontal line.

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