



March 31, 2016

The Honorable Anthony Foxx  
Secretary, United State Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

On behalf of the Pima Association of Governments (PAG) Regional Council, I am writing to express our full support of ADOT's USDOT TIGER grant application for improvements to State Route 189 in Nogales, Ariz.

On Dec. 11, 2014, the PAG Regional Council unanimously approved a resolution of support (attached) acknowledging the critical importance of long-term improvements to SR 189. Nearly all of Arizona's regional planning agencies, including PAG and MAG, signed the SR 189 resolution of support. This is a testament to its importance as a nationally significant trade corridor facilitating the efficient, cross-border movement of both people and goods.

This 4-mile roadway and traffic interchange provides an essential link between Arizona's No. 1 international trading partner, Mexico, and the CANAMEX High Priority Corridor of the National Highway System. SR 189 connects to the Mariposa Land Port of Entry, a key trade gateway recently expanded and modernized with over \$200 million in investments. SR 189 also connects to the future Interstate 11, designated as a High Priority Corridor of the National Highway System under the FAST Act.

The PAG Regional Council fully supports efforts to compete for additional transportation funds so that these improvements to SR 189 can be advanced and made a reality. Therefore, we appreciate your consideration of ADOT's USDOT TIGER grant application.

Sincerely,

Duane Blumberg  
PAG Regional Council Chair and Mayor of the Town of Sahuarita

Attachments: SR 189 Resolution of Support with Fact Sheet

cc: PAG Regional Council Members  
Farhad Moghimi, Executive Director