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July 29, 2022

The Honorable Peter P.M. Buttigieg
Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

Three hundred scenic miles separate Phoenix, Arizona from Las Vegas, Nevada. The corridor between these cities has grown with a large amount of traffic passing through and over highway U.S. 93 which connects these two hubs. Tourism, commercial trucking, and business and family connections keep this stretch of highway among the busiest.

Traffic volume between these two cities has increased almost 80% between 2000 and 2021. The road system, unfortunately, has not kept pace since then. Where the highway passes through Kingman, Arizona, highway U.S. 93 encounters a bottleneck that often stretches for miles where the traffic essentially stops as it intersects with a local road, Beale Street.

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) is addressing this matter and is seeking to build improvements that would ease the flow of traffic along this popular corridor. ADOT has invested \$300 million in widening I-40 to the east of Kingman towards Phoenix. Now ADOT has submitted a grant, the U.S. 93 Bridge Grant, to the U.S. Department of Transportation, that would allow the building of a connection that would bypass the crowded Beale Street bottleneck and provide traffic with the benefit of remaining on an uninterrupted highway.

The residents of Arizona strongly support efforts to improve access between the great cities of Phoenix and Las Vegas. I am asking for you to consider approving the U.S. 93 Bridge Grant and making it a scheduled work priority within your department. Thank you for time your time and consideration.

Please adhere to all rules and regulations when addressing my request, and if you want to discuss this further, or have questions, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Paul A. Gosar" followed by a stylized flourish.

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