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Dear Tanisha Taylor:

San Bernardino County is pleased to submit its proposal to replace nine deteriorated bridges on National Trails Highway under the Local Transportation Climate Adaptation Program. San Bernardino County is dedicated to addressing critical infrastructure needs that directly impact the climate resiliency of our communities.

National Trails Highway, also known as Historic Route 66, is more than a cultural landmark; it is a vital transportation artery for San Bernardino County. The section of Route 66 covered in this project serves as a crucial alternative route to Interstate 40 (I-40), particularly during closures or congestion. The existing bridges, constructed in 1930, are now structurally deficient and pose significant mobility barriers due to their weight restrictions. These limitations not only hinder goods movement and emergency services but also affect the daily lives of residents in this underserved region.

By replacing the aging timber bridges with modern, resilient concrete structures, we aim to significantly enhance the climate resilience of our region's transportation infrastructure. The new bridges will be designed to withstand extreme weather events, including floods, wildfires, and earthquakes, ensuring continuous functionality during emergencies. This improvement will mitigate the risk of infrastructure failure, reduce economic losses due to road closures, and enhance the overall reliability of the transportation network in the face of climate change.

Furthermore, this project will bolster the climate resilience of underrepresented and underserved communities by providing safe and reliable access to essential services and economic opportunities. Improved infrastructure will ensure residents can evacuate safely during extreme weather events, access healthcare promptly, and maintain vital connections to employment and educational opportunities. Additionally, the project's focus on sustainable construction practices underscores our commitment to minimizing environmental impacts while enhancing the long-term sustainability and resilience of our community.

Thank you for considering our proposal. We look forward to the opportunity to further discuss how this project can advance our shared objectives of sustainable and equitable transportation infrastructure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dawn Rowe".

Dawn Rowe, Chair
San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors

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