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Dear Tanisha Taylor:

San Bernardino County is pleased to submit its proposal for the replacement of the Baker Boulevard Bridge under the Local Transportation Climate Adaptation Program. San Bernardino County is committed to addressing critical infrastructure needs that directly impact the climate resiliency of our communities.

The existing timber bridge on Baker Boulevard is outdated and highly vulnerable to climate change impacts such as severe flooding, wildfires, and seismic activity. Our proposal involves replacing this bridge with a new concrete structure designed to withstand 100-year flood events, significantly reducing the risk of overtopping and structural failure. Transitioning from timber to concrete will also make the bridge less susceptible to wildfires, ensuring a reliable evacuation route during emergencies. This upgrade aligns with our broader goals of improving climate resilience and protecting vital transportation links in San Bernardino County.

Baker, a small, unincorporated community in San Bernardino County, is particularly vulnerable due to its geographical location and underserved community. Historically underserved in terms of transportation infrastructure investments, the current state of the timber bridge poses significant risks to residents. These include restricted access to emergency services, increased likelihood of displacement during extreme weather events, and health hazards from increased emissions due to traffic disruptions.

Funding from the Local Transportation Climate Adaptation Program will help to mitigate these risks by providing a safe, reliable, and climate-resilient transportation route. Replacing the existing timber bridge with a robust concrete structure will safeguard the community against the increasing threats posed by climate change and ensure uninterrupted access to essential services. This project will serve as a significant step toward building a more resilient and equitable transportation network in San Bernardino County.

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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