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

Re: Shepherd and Durham Major Investment Project - 2019 BUILD

Dear Secretary Chao:

Thank you for your service to our nation and to the 2nd Congressional District of Texas.

I am writing to express my support for the City of Houston and the Memorial Heights Redevelopment Authority in their application through the United States Department of Transportation BUILD Program to reconstruct Shepherd and Durham Drives.

As you and your staff review the proposal, I trust you will give full consideration to the many strengths of this application. The grant, if awarded, would rehabilitate the existing roadway, provide safety improvements to reduce the high number of incidents of fatal crashes, provide transit connectivity to the regional system, introduce consistent and accessible pedestrian walkways, and accommodate bicyclists through the introduction of dedicated bike facilities. Furthermore, this project will provide stormwater mitigation benefits which will work in synergy with those being implemented throughout the Houston regional drainage system.

The reconstruction of Shepherd and Durham are critical components of the transportation infrastructure for the City of Houston, the Houston-Galveston Region, and ultimately, the State of Texas.

I would appreciate your efforts to ensure that I am kept informed of the progress of this application.

Thank you for your assistance and consideration.

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Never Forget,

Dan Crenshaw

Member of Congress