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July 12, 2019

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE
Washington DC 20590

RE: City of Buffalo, New York, BUILD FY 2019 Grant Application, State and Local Planning Certification

Dear Secretary Chao:

The Greater Buffalo Niagara Regional Transportation Council (GBNRTC) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Erie and Niagara Counties, of which the City of Buffalo, New York is a member agency. The City of Buffalo is applying for FY 2019 BUILD funding for the "Downtown Multi Modal Access and Revitalization Project, Buffalo New York".

Please note that the Downtown Multi Modal Access and Revitalization Project is included in the Greater Buffalo Niagara Regional Transportation Council (GBNRTC) Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2050 in the category of Transforming Key Corridors into Smartly Enhanced Multi-Modal Arterials. These are intended to make transportation more safe and efficient while reactivating corridors with infrastructure improvements that promote reinvestment with spin-off benefits for the regional economy. Upon grant award, The GBNRTC will work with the City of Buffalo and the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) to include the project in the local Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and any other relevant planning documents. This will be accomplished in 60-90 days and is consistent with project delivery needs.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Hal Morse

Executive Director