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The Honorable Sean Duffy
Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Duffy:

The California Department of Transportation supports the application of the City of Needles to the United States Department of Transportation (US DOT) Fiscal Year 2026 Nationally Significant Multimodal Freight & Highway Projects (INFRA) Track 2 for Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV) Parking for the City of Needles Safe Truck Parking Area Project. The City is requesting funding to acquire the site and to complete the planning, design, and construction activities.

Additional safe and secure truck parking in the Needles area is critically needed to address the unsafe, unsanitary, and unlawful conditions currently occurring as a result of insufficient designated parking for commercial vehicles. Since the beginning of 2026, the City of Needles has issued 204 citations for illegal truck parking and continues to contend with ongoing issues such as illegal dumping and unsanitary conditions associated with unauthorized parking activity.

The Needles Safe Truck Parking Area Project would address the significant shortage of truck parking and the related health and safety challenges. The project would occupy a roughly 15-acre site located 0.3 miles from the I 40/California Highway 95 interchange, with access provided by improvements to Ice Plant Road. Key features include 100 truck parking stalls, restroom facilities with drinking water, site and facility lighting, conveniently located trash receptacles, open space with picnic and pet areas, and perimeter fencing with access control and security cameras.

Caltrans would like to thank US DOT for its consideration of this Project application. Signing this support letter does not constitute a financial commitment from Caltrans to cover funding shortfalls.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Catalino A. Pinning III, written in a cursive style.

CATALINO A. PINING III
District 8 Director