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Supervisor, Fourth District

August 26, 2022

Nuria Fernandez
Administrator
Federal Transit Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Grant Application for Cabrillo Mole Ferry Intermodal Terminal

Dear Administrator Fernandez:

As the Supervisor for the Fourth Supervisorial District in Los Angeles County, I am pleased to support the grant application submitted by the City of Avalon and Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LA Metro) requesting \$5,000,000 from the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Passenger Ferry Grant Program.

The Cabrillo Mole Intermodal Ferry Terminal project is designed to expand the existing ferry terminal and improve resilience to climate change by adding project components to address sea level rise. The Cabrillo Mole Intermodal Center handles over one million passengers annually traveling from San Pedro, Long Beach, Newport Beach and Dana Point. The existing facility was constructed in 1968 and is no longer adequate to accommodate the number of ferry passengers and other users. The new terminal expansion and construction adjustments are to prepare for the next 25 years of predicted sea level rise and will provide accessible passenger facilities, improve safety and security, improve pedestrian circulation and enhance the overall user experience.

The ferry service between Catalina Island and mainland ports in Los Angeles and Orange Counties provides transportation service to tourists, residents and workers on the island. This is the only publicly available mode of transportation to and from the island. As sea levels rise and demand increases, it is critical for the livelihood of the island's residents and workers that we ensure the terminal continues to accommodate ferry services.

I appreciate your consideration of this application and respectfully request you to provide favorable consideration of this project. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my staff, Luke Klipp, Senior Transportation Deputy, at lklipp@bos.lacounty.gov or (213) 974-4444.

Sincerely,

JANICE HAHN
Supervisor, Fourth District
County of Los Angeles