October 30, 2017

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

Dear Secretary Chao:

We are writing to express our strong support for the construction of the Georgia State Route 400 (SR 400) Express Lanes, and ask for your consideration as you review applications for the Nationally Significant Freight and Highway Projects (INFRA) program.

SR 400 is a limited access facility that provides critical access to the Metro Atlanta interstate system and supports our State and regional economy. The Metro Atlanta region, particularly along the SR 400 corridor, continues to experience tremendous growth. This growth will increase congestion and require innovative solutions to ensure we can continue to move goods and people in a reliable and efficient way.

The SR 400 Express Lanes project will complement the significant investments already made in the corridor, including the ongoing reconstruction of the SR 400 interchange at interstate 285. Improving mobility in the region will require continued commitments from local, State, and Federal partners and will greatly benefit shippers, commuters, and all the users of the highway as we continue to attract growth. In fact, we project that once the Major Mobility Investment Program is completed, which includes the SR 400 Express Lanes initiative, freight vehicle delay will be reduced by five percent statewide.

We truly appreciate the good work you are doing on behalf of our State and nation, and respectfully ask for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Rob Woodall  
Member of Congress

Henry C. "Jim" Johnson, Jr.  
Member of Congress

A. Drew Ferguson IV, DMD  
Member of Congress

Rick Allen  
Member of Congress

Doug Collins  
Member of Congress