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The Honorable David Price, Chairman
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban
Development, and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mario Diaz-Balart, Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban
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Dear Chairman Price and Ranking Member Diaz-Balart:

Thank you for your past support of valuable transportation projects throughout the United States. As you begin work on the FY21 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development bill, I urge you to fund the following requests at the Department of Transportation. These requests are critical to priorities in my district and throughout the nation.

My requests are listed below:

- Request appropriation of \$1 billion for the National Infrastructure Investments (BUILD) for Capital Investment in Surface Transportation Infrastructure. The BUILD program has supported critical projects throughout the nation and in my district, supporting highway, railroad and maritime infrastructure.
- Request total funding of \$104.1 million for FAA's Terminal Flight Data Manager (TFDM) program. Terminal Flight Data Manager will provide tower air traffic controllers and FAA traffic managers with NextGen decision support capabilities that integrate flight, surveillance, and traffic management information to improve air traffic control coordination and decision making. The use of Electronic Flight Data and Strips (EFD/EFS) will allow tower controllers to maintain an integrated view of the air traffic environment, improving their situational awareness of airport operations. TFDM decision support capabilities will promote safe and efficient airport operations in managing airport surface traffic sequencing and scheduling.
- Request total funding of \$31.3 million for the Time Based Flow Management (TBFM) system. This system uses time-based metering to better utilize NAS capacity by improving traffic flow management of aircraft approaching and departing congested airspace and airports. Aircraft using this technique can arrive properly sequenced and spaced to maximize capacity at the nation's busiest airports. TBFM has been deployed and is operational at 20 Air Route Traffic Control Centers and adapted for most major airports served by these centers. TBFM Technology Refresh program will replace the existing hardware that was deployed in 2012 and 2013 with new hardware in the FY 2021-2022 time frame.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Should you have any additional questions, please contact Hannah Stern of my staff at Hannah.stern@mail.house.gov or at 202-225-0508.

Sincerely,



Rep. Scott H. Peters
Member of Congress