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Mr. Victor Mendez  
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Dear Mr. Mendez:

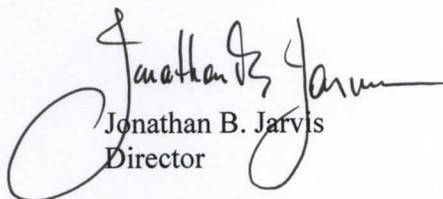
As we prepare for the reauthorization of the *Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act*, I wish to thank the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for its support in making the Federal Lands Transportation Program (FLTP) a success over the past years. Your leadership helped us communicate our need to address a large backlog of deferred road maintenance, close the gap on incomplete parkways, and build support for alternative transportation systems. Without the FLTP, the federal responsibility to care for and provide access to these significant public lands would be impossible.

Enclosed please find the report, "National Park Service Transportation Reauthorization Resource Paper – Needs and Options," (Resource Paper) and its appendices, which articulates our most pressing transportation needs. The Resource Paper recommends a performance based program, supported by up to \$920 million per year, over the life of the next transportation authorization.

The focus of this investment is described under Theme 1, and directs the majority of the funds to our highest priority transportation assets in accordance with President Obama's "Fix-it-First" initiative. Theme 2 discusses the enormous challenges associated with major projects that would take decades to fund. Also enclosed is a bulleted summary of the successes and a brief summary of the Resource Paper's findings and needs.

In closing, we wish to thank the FHWA for your staff's dedication, professionalism and hard work in support of the inventory and analysis presented in the Resource Paper. If you have any questions regarding our submittal, please contact Mark Hartsoe, Branch Chief, National Park Service Transportation Program, at 202-513-7025, or by email, at [Mark\\_H\\_Hartsoe@nps.gov](mailto:Mark_H_Hartsoe@nps.gov).

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

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