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The Honorable Mike Simpson
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Support for Funding Request for Eagle Road Project

Dear Representative Simpson,

On behalf of the Fort Hall Business Council, the governing body of the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes (Tribes), I write in support of the Tribes appropriations request for the Tribal Department of Transportation (DOT) proposal for the Eagle Road Project. This project is an essential component that would link the Interstate 15 Interchange replacement project that is under construction now to the Fort Hall community.

The Eagle Road Project would develop the roadway, storm drainage system and ancillary safety features for the driving, biking and pedestrian public which are currently absent along Eagle Road. The Project comprises of a redesign and reconstruction of the roadway, that would widen the road for one-half mile, along with installation of sidewalks, landscaping, street lighting and bike paths. The current roadway is insufficient for current traffic needs, and no sidewalks or bike lanes are available in this residential area.

The Tribal DOT is in the process of revising the Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan (TTIP), but this project is included on it. That draft TTIP is currently under review with Federal Highways Administration. This project has some construction funding (\$1 million) from Federal Highways Work Administration, but that is not enough to complete this project. There is funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs Road Maintenance funds for upkeep of the new roadway.

The Shoshone-Bannock Tribes are committed to completing this important project for our community and will work to provide any additional funding needed. Thank you for your consideration of the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes' appropriations request.

Sincerely,

Nathan Small, Chairman
Fort Hall Business Council
Shoshone-Bannock Tribes