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The Honorable Gabrielle Giffords  
U.S. House of Representatives  
502 Cannon Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Giffords:

With the recent information from the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), we wanted to make sure that you are aware that the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) is prepared to award projects totaling \$1 billion in 90 to 120 days. The CBO recently surveyed transportation officials in nearly half of the states regarding their ability to quickly award projects under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Arizona was one of the states contacted by the CBO.

ADOT has been working for two months to ensure the state is prepared and positioned to accept and expend any funding that may become available to the State for transportation infrastructure. We have been meeting with FHWA and the local planning entities to ensure that we are fully prepared to award projects within the timeframes identified in the legislation once it has been enacted.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 602-712-7227.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Victor M. Mendez", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Victor M. Mendez