



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO**

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PROTECT Grant Program  
Office of Acquisition and Grants Management  
Federal Highway Administration  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
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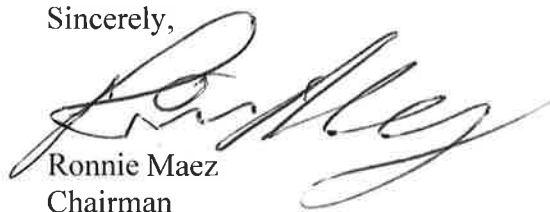
RE: PROTECT Program

Dear Sir or Madam:

Archuleta County is seeking funding from the 2022 and 2023 Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient & Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Program for a County Road on the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Reservation. This segment of County Road 500, which leads to State Highway 151, is a road that is highly utilized by tribal members, the agricultural and ranching community, the oil and gas industry of the Southern Ute Tribe, and other community members. This road is experiencing high levels of slough and debris and is under constant clean-up status due to failing roads, culverts, and other flooding and drainage issues into the San Juan River which ultimately feeds into the Colorado River, a large tributary and waterway of the US. This portion of the County is extremely vulnerable and subject to significant and increased flooding over the last several years.

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners completely endorses this much needed project and hopes the Department of Transportation will consider this project under the PROTECT Grant Program funding opportunity.

Sincerely,



Ronnie Maez  
Chairman