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Secretary Ray LaHood  
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Dear Secretary LaHood:

This letter is to express my strong support for the **Stamford Complete Streets & Transit Access Project**, which is the subject of a TIGER grant submission by the Connecticut Department of Transportation. I am President of CTE, Inc., the federal designated Community Action Agency for Greater Stamford. Our headquarters and services are located in the South End of Stamford.

Historically, this region has suffered from an economic disadvantage due to outdated infrastructure and the loss of manufacturing jobs, which hurt the economy and created streetscapes lined with vacant industrial buildings and brownfields. This project will foster the redevelopment of brownfields and vacant factories and put people, residences and businesses, within walking distance of Stamford's train station. Thereby creating jobs, reducing traffic congestion, improving the economy and providing a livable, sustainable community for thousands of families.

This project is essential to the \$3.5 Billion project currently underway in the Harbor Point Infrastructure Development District in the South End of Stamford (The "Harbor Point Project"). We strongly support the Harbor Point Project and have worked very closely with the developer to further the interest of the community. We are very pleased with this project. The present construction of phase 1 of the project alone, has created thousands of jobs which have already benefited our community. The developer has worked with us to employ people from the neighborhood.

I strongly recommend the Stamford Complete Streets & Transit Access Project for TIGER Grant funding on the basis of exceptional economic benefits to the region and the nation and the great benefits to our community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

E. Phillip McKain  
President & CEO