

September 22, 2009

The Honorable Raymond H. LaHood  
Secretary of Transportation  
United States Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary LaHood:

It is my pleasure to write in support of the application submitted by the State of Connecticut for a Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) discretionary grant for the Stamford Complete Streets & Transit Access Project.

I understand that the loss of manufacturing jobs in the region has hurt the economy and created streetscapes lined with vacant industrial buildings and brownfields. This project is designed to foster the redevelopment of brownfields and vacant factories and put people, residences and businesses, within walking distance of the region's primary train station and commercial center, thereby creating jobs, reducing traffic congestion and providing a livable, sustainable community for thousands of families.

I am told that the Stamford Complete Streets & Transit Access Project is designed to enable the Harbor Point Project, a transit-oriented development, to proceed by improving the core urban road network to support 4,000 new residential units and 1 million square feet of new commercial and mixed-use space that will revitalize this economically disadvantaged area and create up to 50,000 new jobs. TIGER grant funding will help integrate multiple transportation modes including pedestrian, bicycle, car, bus and train. All transportation modes will be proximate to, and directly linked with, the Stamford Intermodal Center and the Central Business District.

Stamford feels that this TIGER grant is essential to the creation of a livable, sustainable community from a former 80-acre blighted area and that the success of the Harbor Point Development is dependent upon the Stamford Complete Streets & Transit Access Project receiving TIGER grant funding. I support this proposal and, therefore, respectfully request that it receive full and fair consideration. Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Joseph I. Lieberman  
UNITED STATES SENATOR

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