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The Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I am writing to express my strong support for the Stamford Complete Streets & Transit Access Project, which is the subject of a TIGER Discretionary Grant Application submitted by the Connecticut Department of Transportation.

The Stamford Complete Streets & Transit Access Project is a crucial element to the \$3.5 billion development project currently underway in the Harbor Point Infrastructure Development District in the South End of Stamford, Connecticut. The Harbor Point Development is comprised of 80 of the 322-acre peninsula south of Stamford center and Interstate 95. Harbor Point Development is one of the nation's largest redevelopment projects and is transforming a once industrial area of the city into a vibrant new residential, commercial and cultural center. As a whole, I firmly believe that the Harbor Point Development meets all of the expectations as envisioned through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

The Stamford Complete Streets & Transit Access Project enables the Harbor Point Development, a transit oriented project, to proceed by improving the core urban road network to support 4,000 new residential units and one million square feet of new commercial and mix-use space that will revitalize the area. Such TIGER Grant funding will 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 Transportation Center and the Central Business District.

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The success of the Harbor Point Development is very much dependent on the Stamford Complete Streets & Transit Access Project. As result, I strongly recommend this project's application for TIGER Discretionary Grant funding.

With kind regards, I am,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. J. Dodd". The signature is stylized with a large loop for the letter 'C' and a series of connected strokes for the rest of the name.

CHRISTOPHER J. DODD
United States Senator

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