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Secretary Ray LaHood  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
Washington, DC

September 14, 2009

Dear Secretary LaHood:

This letter is to express my support for the **Stamford Complete Streets & Transit Access Project**, which is the subject of a TIGER grant submission by the Connecticut Department of Transportation and is complimentary to the City of Stamford Urban Transitway TIGER submission.

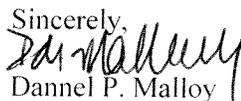
Historically, this neighborhood has suffered from an economic disadvantage due to antiquated infrastructure and excessive traffic congestion. The loss of manufacturing jobs in the area hurt the economy and created streetscapes lined with vacant industrial buildings and brownfields. This project will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

This TIGER request is critical 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"). The present construction of phase 1 of the project alone, has created thousands of jobs, including numerous direct and ancillary jobs which have already generated economic benefits to the region and the nation.

The Stamford Complete Streets & Transit Access Project enables 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 of Southwestern Connecticut, creating up to 50,000 new jobs. 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 Center, the Stamford Urban Transitway and the Central Business District.

Facilitating Brownfield redevelopment, this TIGER grant is essential to the creation of a liveable, sustainable community from a former 80-acre blighted area. The success of the Harbor Point Development is dependent upon Stamford Complete Streets & Transit Access Project TIGER grant funding.

A Stamford Complete Streets & Transit Access Project TIGER Grant will provide the basis of exceptional economic benefits to the region and the nation due to its speed and volume of the job creation.

Sincerely,  
  
Dannel P. Malloy  
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