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Honorable Raymond H. LaHood
Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

Attention: TIGER Discretionary Grant Review Team

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I am requesting the United States Department of Transportation's support for the Blueprint 2000 Intergovernmental Agency's Application for \$15 million in TIGER discretionary funding for the construction of a portion of Capital Circle in the vicinity of SR 20 in Tallahassee, Florida. This roadway segment is an important intermodal connection between the Tallahassee Regional Airport and Interstate 10, the major east-west facility serving the Florida Panhandle. Capital Circle Northwest/Southwest is part of the Florida Strategic Intermodal System, the highest priority facility designation by the Florida Department of Transportation. This roadway segment provides access to several districts in Leon County that have been targeted for development through multiple Federal, state, and local initiatives directed toward revitalization, economic development, and job creation.

The local community has funded a significant part of widening other segments of Capital Circle through its local-option sales tax. Over \$50 million in sales tax funds and partner funds have already gone into this project for design and right-of-way acquisition. Blueprint 2000 has over \$40 million available for partial construction, however, reduction in sales tax receipts due to the poor economy has limited our ability to construct the full project. The \$15 million request for TIGER funding would assist this community in constructing and completing its Number 1 roadway priority.

Thank you in advance for your favorable review of the Blueprint 2000 TIGER Discretionary Grant Application.

Sincerely,

Bryan Desloge
Chairman

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