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The Honorable Ray LaHood
Department of Transportation
400 Seventh Street, Southwest
Washington, District of Columbia 20590

RE: TIGER Grant Application

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I am pleased to provide this letter in support of the Blueprint 2000 Intergovernmental Agency in Tallahassee-Leon County's efforts to obtain a federal grant. The goal of their proposed project, The Capital Circle, is to attract economic development and to create high value jobs in the southwest quadrant and the Tallahassee Regional Airport. This project is an example of innovation and intergovernmental cooperation. I respectfully request your consideration of this organization's application for federal funding.

The Leon County-City of Tallahassee Blueprint 2000 Intergovernmental Agency was created to design and implement the highway and environmental infrastructure projects identified by the citizen led Blueprint 2000 Economic and Environmental Consensus Committee. This was approved by local voters in 2000, with the fifteen year extension of the local option sales tax. If funded, this project will reduce existing congestion and delays as well as enhance the competitiveness of and accessibility to the Regional airport and nearby businesses on and off the Airport property.

Again, I encourage your consideration of this worthy cause. If I can be of further assistance in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at the address below.

Sincerely,
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Nelson".

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CC: Ms. Lynn Bannister, Regional Director, U. S. Senator Bill Nelson