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July 14, 2009

Honorable Raymond LaHood
United States Department of Transportation
400 Seventh Street, SW
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I am writing to express my support for the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grants program application submitted by the City of Gaylord and the Otsego County Road Commission.

This funding will allow the City of Gaylord and the Otsego County Road Commission to implement planned long-term improvements to the overall transportation infrastructure serving the Gaylord/I-75 Corridor. The work would include construction of a second I-75 crossing, improvements to six additional road segments, access management improvements to an existing segment of M-32, the reconfiguration of M-32 and Business Loop 75 to improve pedestrian and vehicular access, construction of traffic calming streetscape elements and the installation of a state of the art traffic signal light timing system to connect all lights in the corridor system. As a result, these improvement will enhance the economic viability and public safety of this rural Northern Lower Michigan community.

I trust you will give this application every consideration for funding. I would like to be informed as to the timetable for processing these applications and of the disposition of this application in particular. Please address your response to my Traverse City office at the address and telephone number shown below.

Sincerely,



Carl Levin

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July 20, 2009

The Honorable Raymond L. LaHood
U. S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave SW
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Mr. Secretary,

I am writing in support of the TIGER Discretionary Grant application being submitted by the City of Gaylord and Otsego County Road Commission in Northern Michigan.

The City of Gaylord and Otsego County are applying for this funding on behalf of the I-75 Crossing Task Force in an effort to address increased traffic congestion on M-32 at I-75. This funding will enable the Task Force to implement long-term improvements to the overall transportation infrastructure serving this area. These improvements will include the construction of a second I-75 crossing, reconfiguration of sections of M-32, calming streetscape elements in the commercial district and the installation of a state-of-the-art traffic signal light timing system.

I am impressed by the efforts of the City of Gaylord and Otsego County to improve the safety of the traveling public in the Gaylord/I-75 corridor. I hope you will give their proposal your strong consideration.

Sincerely,



Debbie Stabenow
United States Senator



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August 10, 2009

Honorable Raymond L. LaHood
U.S. Dept. of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave. SW
Washington D.C. 20590

Dear Director LaHood:

I would like to lend my full support to the Otsego County Economic Alliance's (OCEA) grant application for funding under the Federal TIGER Discretionary Grant Program.

This grant will allow the OCEA to continue its work to resolve traffic issues caused both by the construction of I-75, which severed several east-west roadways, and rapid development of the community that began in the 1980's. The primary traffic issue is congestion on M32, a state trunk line, with most of the relief coming from improvements to local roads that will provide alternate routes.

I enthusiastically support this application and hope you find it worthy of full funding. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Roger Srigley at my Petoskey district office, listed below.

Sincerely,

BART STUPAK
Member of Congress

BTS/rls

cc: Mr. Jeff Ratcliffe, Otsego County Economic Alliance,

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