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October 7, 2009

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

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I write to bring to your attention two projects in my state that are eligible for grants under the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) program. The Florida Department of Transportation has submitted applications for the Eller Drive Overpass project and the Miami Intermodal Center (MIC) Central Station project. These are both excellent projects that would generate jobs and tremendous economic benefit.

The Eller Drive Overpass project is located at Port Everglades in Broward County, Florida. Port Everglades is the third largest cruise port in the world and is the largest container port in Florida. Currently, container goods are transported on truck from the Port to the Florida East Coast rail facility 1.5 miles away. This project would raise Eller Drive, creating an overpass. Then a separate, fully-funded project would connect the rail facility with the Port. Federal funding will result in goods moving directly from water to rail, taking trucks off of the roadway and improving both safety and the environment.

The MIC Central Station project would consolidate all forms of transportation into this intermodal station located just east of Miami International Airport. The Central Station would include parking, an intercity bus terminal, an intercity rail platform, a regional commuter rail platform, a Metrorail subway station, bus service, a pedestrian concourse, a people mover to Miami International Airport, and a rental car facility. This project is ready to go and TIGER funding will allow the completion date to be accelerated by as much as five years. The project will reduce the number of vehicles on the road by providing people with numerous transportation options.

The Florida Department of Transportation has requested \$55.4 million for the Eller Drive Overpass, and \$96.5 million for the MIC Central Station. Both of these projects are excellent candidates for TIGER funds. Not only will they contribute greatly to economic growth in the south Florida region, they will decrease the number of vehicles on the road while increasing alternative means of transportation. I respectfully request that these two Florida Department of Transportation projects be given every consideration for TIGER funds. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



George S. LeMieux
United States Senator

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September 23, 2009

The Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary
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Dear Secretary LaHood:

It has come to my attention that Miami-Dade Expressway located in Miami, Florida has applied for federal funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act's Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery grant program.

The proposed project will involve the realignment, capacity and geometric improvements to Interstate 395, an elevated expressway that traverses approximately 1.2 miles within the City of Miami. Interstate 395 plays a significant role in the mobility of area residents because it is the only east-west expressway through central Miami-Dade County. Furthermore, not only is it also a key element of the Florida Intrastate Highway but it is also serves as one of the primary evacuation routes for the residents of Miami Beach.

I respectfully request that the Miami-Dade Expressway's application be given full and fair consideration. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



George S. LeMieux
United States Senator

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October 20, 2009

The Honorable Ray LaHood
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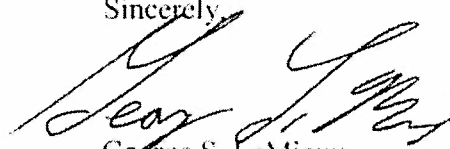
Dear Secretary LaHood:

I am writing to express my full support of the Jacksonville Transportation Authority's (JTA) TIGER discretionary grant application for \$65.76 million dollars for Phase I development of the Jacksonville Regional Transportation Center (JRTC). This innovative multi-modal facility will maximize the integration and coordination for all public transportation modes now in operation and those planned to serve the northeast Florida area. This project has proposed transformative, long-term improvements that will fulfill many regionally-based social, economic and transportation demands.

Phase I development of the JRTC project includes integrating local JTA and intercity bus, regional Bus Rapid Transit, and Skyway modes while supporting office areas, public parking as well as streetscape and public plaza improvements. With transit consumption up nearly 25% and Greyhound bus and Amtrak Passenger service also experiencing ridership growth, the development of the JRTC and its incorporation of additional collective transit alternatives and congestion management services are expected to encourage overall transit utilization.

This project is a regional priority and will allow JTA to enhance their services in order to adequately provide efficient transit mobility to the people of northeast Florida. TIGER funding represents a critical piece in completing these significant and lasting improvements to our local, regional and national transportation network. I respectfully request that JTA's application be given full and fair consideration. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



George S. Lemieux
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November 17, 2009

The Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
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Dear Secretary LaHood:

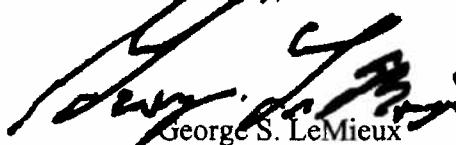
The Charlotte County Community Redevelopment Association (CCCRA) is applying for funding under the TIGER Discretionary Grant Program. The CCCRA's proposal to facilitate waterfront access to Charlotte Harbor by building the Gateway Harbor Walk will enhance residents' quality of life.

The Gateway Harbor Walk project includes the construction of waterfront sidewalks, a boardwalk and the replacement of the Melbourne Street Bridge, which is classified as structurally deficient. When completed, this project will provide continuous access between two parks on the Charlotte Harbor waterfront and improve safety for visitors to the waterfront. The Gateway Harbor Walk project will also continue CCCRA's commitment to promoting clean energy by providing recharging facilities for electric vehicles.

The Gateway Harbor Walk project will offer an array of environmental, economic and safety benefits for Charlotte County. Therefore, I respectfully request that CCCRA's grant application be given full and fair consideration.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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November 17, 2009

The Honorable Ray LaHood
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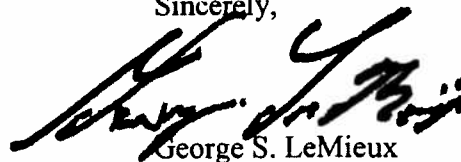
It has come to my attention that Charlotte County, Florida is applying for funding under the TIGER Discretionary Grant Program to build the Southwest Florida Intermodal and Logistics Center and modernize railroad infrastructure.

Charlotte County's proposed project includes a truck to rail transfer facility and railroad upgrades that would introduce high volume, high speed rail transportation into Southwest Florida. Enhanced rail speed and capacity will encourage the transportation of freight by train rather than heavy trucks, reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions and making Southwest Florida's roadway safer for cars. Furthermore, this project will establish a connection between Southwest Florida's economic centers and the seaports of Tampa and Manatee counties, advancing the region's economic competitiveness.

This project is shovel-ready and will facilitate the transportation of goods and people throughout Southwest Florida, spurring economic development in a region crucial to the economic health of the state. In addition, Charlotte County's project will yield environmental safety and economic benefits to the residents of Southwest Florida. Therefore, I respectfully request that Charlotte County's application be given full and fair consideration.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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December 4, 2009

The Honorable Ray LaHood
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Dear Secretary LaHood:

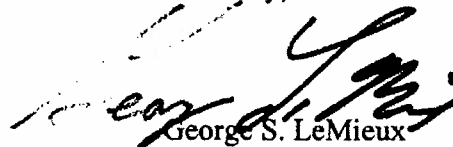
It has come to my attention that the Tampa Port Authority is applying for funding through the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) program for reconstruction of the Richard E. Knight (REK) Pier. This infrastructure project has broad regional impact throughout Central Florida which includes two of the largest population centers, Tampa and Orlando.

The Port of Tampa serves as the energy conduit for the Florida region. The REK Pier, a petroleum terminal, handles nearly 37 percent or 50 million barrels of fuel annually to the region. Over one half of the fuel handled by the terminal is transported by pipeline as jet fuel to the Orlando International Airport. There is no other pipeline serving Orlando International Airport or one with significant capacity at Florida's ports to replace the shutdown of the REK facility. The loss of this facility would have severe consequences for the Port's ability to meet the region's petroleum demand.

The REK petroleum facility is critical to the continued vitality and economic strength for the State of Florida. I respectfully request that you give full and fair consideration to the Tampa Port Authority's grant application.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



George S. LeMieux
United States Senator