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

RE: TIGER Grant

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I am pleased to provide this letter in support of the City of Treasure Island's efforts to obtain a federal grant. The goal of their proposed project is to replace two critical community bridges; the Capri Isle and Isle of Palms Bridges. I respectfully request your consideration of this entity's application for federal funding.

Quality transportation programs benefiting residents of Pinellas County are important to me as a U.S. Senator. The City of Treasure Island, Florida is a small coastal community and is part of the Tampa Bay region. If funded, this grant will ensure the future safety of residents and visitors whose only means of access to two island neighborhoods is via a single bridge originally constructed in the 1950s. Furthermore, funding will have a direct positive impact upon the local economic conditions by creating immediate construction employment.

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,

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CC: Ms. Shahra Anderson, Regional Director, U. S. Senator Bill Nelson