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August 17, 2010

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

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I am writing to express my support for the Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT's) application for TIGER II discretionary funds to support the Tower 55 Multimodal Improvement Project.

Tower 55 is an important transportation hub for the North Texas region, moving more than 100 freight and passenger trains a day. Congestion at this rail intersection, however, delays delivery of goods and services, jeopardizes motorist and pedestrian safety, and negatively impacts our community's air quality. TxDOT has recognized the significance of Tower 55 not only to Texas, but to the national economy, and has rated it as the highest priority TIGER II project in the state. Funding for this project would improve surface transportation flow, enhance public safety, and mitigate environmental impacts.

The broad and long-term benefits of the Tower 55 project make it a prime candidate for TIGER II discretionary funding. I respectfully request that you give TxDOT's application your utmost consideration. Please do not hesitate to let me know if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jane Nelson".

Senator Jane Nelson