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

Dear Secretary LaHood:

This letter is to express support for the U.S. DOT TIGER II Grant Application called "Livability and Sustainability through the Integration of Complete Streets," a multi-project application in Minnesota being led by the Minnesota Department of Transportation. As an organization that serves Willmar, MN, and the surrounding region, I feel strongly that this funding, if applied to the Becker Avenue Redesign project in Willmar, will improve livability and the environment in our region.

My organization will work with Mn/DOT, the City of Willmar, and the Willmar Design Center to ensure the successful implementation and ongoing maintenance and operation of this project, should it be selected for TIGER II Discretionary Grant funding.

Thank you for the opportunity to express support for this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gregg Soupir".

Gregg Soupir, District Recreation Supervisor
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