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The Honorable Ray LaHood
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Dear Secretary LaHood:

I strongly support the applications of Santa Rosa County, Florida for TIGER funds for the following two projects:

- The construction phase to widen State Road (SR) 87, the Holley segment, from 2 to 4 lanes from north of Five Forks Road to the southern Eglin Air Force Base Boundary
- The construction phase to realign Five Points Intersection East, the intersection of County Roads 197, 197A, and 184A

Both projects are part of the Florida – Alabama Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Long Range Transportation Plan. The Florida – Alabama TPO is the metropolitan planning organization serving the Pensacola, Florida – Alabama Urbanized Area. Both projects are on the Northwest Florida Regional Transportation Planning Organization's (TPO) regional network. The Regional TPO is made up of members of the two metropolitan planning organizations in the westernmost Florida Panhandle: the Florida – Alabama TPO and the Okaloosa – Walton TPO. In addition, SR 87 south of I-10, which includes the Holley segment, is on the Florida State Strategic Intermodal System (SIS).

Both projects have been in the pipeline for years. Project Development and Environmental (PD&E) studies are complete on both. Design and right-of-way acquisition are complete on SR 87 and nearly complete on Five Points East. Environmental documents are current. Both projects could easily meet the time lines established in the federal register notice for obligation of funds, and both would earn points for construction readiness.

Despite major investments in both projects to date, both have fallen victim to the current state of the economy and are stalled for construction. TIGER funds can provide the needed boost to see them through to completion and energize the economy as well. Thank you for the opportunity to lend my support for these very strong candidates.

Sincerely,


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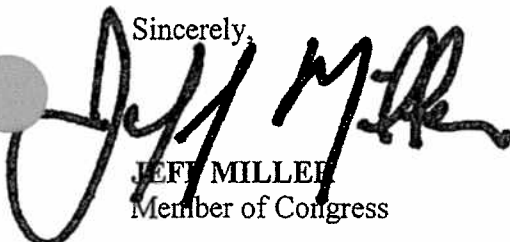
Dear Secretary LaHood:

I am writing in strong support of Escambia County's pending grant applications recently submitted under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act's Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Program. It is my sincere hope that the Department will give every possible consideration to the County's efforts to develop additional capacity improvements, develop an intelligent transportation system, and improve sidewalks county-wide. I strong support the following five grant requests:

- The design and construction phase of widening Nine Mile Road (US 90) from a 2-lane road to a 4-lane road between US 29 and SR 297.
- Project Development and Environmental Study (PD&E) for the I-10 Beulah Road Interchange and Phase 1 of the Beltway Corridor.
- Project Development and Environmental Study (PD&E) and Construction of Burgess Road and Creighton Road 4-lane extension.
- The design, development, and construction of an Intelligent Transportation in order to reduce traffic congestion by using computer systems to monitor and change traffic signals.
- The Escambia County Sidewalks Program including the construction of the Safe Walk to Schools, Walkable Communities, and Community Redevelopment project areas.

As the Department considers funding under the TIGER Program, I would appreciate your full and fair consideration of Escambia County's transportation priorities. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can answer any questions or provide any additional information.

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Dear Secretary LaHood:

I am writing in strong support of Okaloosa County's pending grant application recently submitted under the ARRA Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Program. It is my sincere hope that the Department will give every possible consideration to the County's efforts to develop additional capacity improvements along the Florida State Road 85 (SR 85) Corridor.

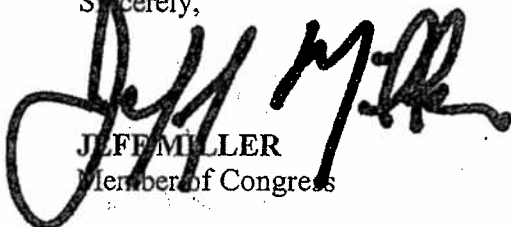
Located in the Northwest Florida Panhandle, Okaloosa County serves as the home to the world's largest Air Force Base, Eglin AFB, which is the primary installation for the Air Force weapons development program and supports all major military operations throughout the world.

The primary transportation corridor on Eglin AFB (SR 85) is a designated segment of Florida's Strategic Intermodal System (SIS), a statewide network of high priority transportation facilities that have been designated as critical to the state's economic viability. The present capacity of the SR 85 corridor, however, is not sufficient to meet the needs of the Eglin mission, nor the needs of the state's SIS system. The Corridor is accustomed to excessive transportation delays which halt future regional residential and business development.

If additional capacity is not added to SR 85, Mission Critical Operations will be compromised and Regional Economic Development will be stopped. Given support from the TIGER program and with the regional consensus developed by Okaloosa County, capacity improvements along the SR 85 corridor will ensure our Nation's defense is not compromised and also ensure economic viability of the Northwest Florida Region is maintained.

As the Department considers funding under the TIGER Program, I would appreciate your full and fair consideration of Okaloosa County's SR 85 Corridor Improvements Initiative. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can answer any questions or provide any additional information.

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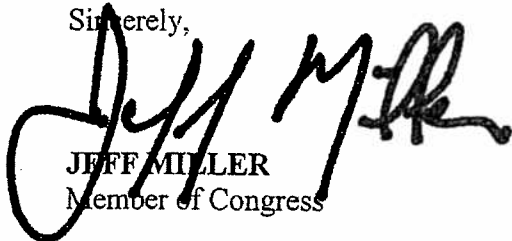
Dear Secretary LaHood:

I am writing in strong support of Escambia County's pending grant applications recently submitted under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act's Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Program. It is my sincere hope that the Department will give every possible consideration to the County's efforts to resurface and reconstruct Escambia County roads, as well as to replace bridges county-wide. I strongly support the applications of Escambia County for TIGER funds for the following two projects:

- The resurfacing and reconstruction of 105.6 miles of Escambia County roads. The surface priorities require mandatory or immediate replacement, or will require resurfacing within the next three years. The resurfacing projects will have a significant positive impact on the local economy, and will provide much-needed relief on county roads.
- The replacement of 103 Escambia County bridges. These bridges have been deemed critically aged, structurally deficient, and/or functionally obsolete, and are in need of immediate replacement. The construction projects could provide thousands of local jobs.

As the Department considers funding under the TIGER Program, I would appreciate your full and fair consideration of Escambia County's resurfacing and bridge replacement transportation priorities. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can answer any questions or provide any additional information.

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