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June 3, 2015

The Honorable Anthony Foxx  
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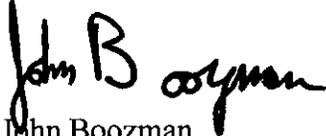
Dear Secretary Foxx,

I am very happy to express my support for the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) proposal to receive funding through the TIGER Grant. AHTD will use funds received to widen and reconstruct a portion of Interstate 30 in Little Rock and North Little Rock, Arkansas.

This is a design-build project in Pulaski County. The project includes improvements to approximately five miles of I-30 from the I-530 interchange north to the I-40 interchange. It includes the I-630 interchange, replacement of the "fracture-critical" Arkansas River Bridge, and approximately 1.75 miles of I-40 from Highway 107 east to the Highway 67 interchange. This will be the first project in Arkansas history to utilize the design-build project delivery system. Projects through the Connecting Arkansas Program are funded by a temporary one-half cent sales tax voted in by the people of Arkansas in 2012. This project will enhance connectivity, reduce congestion, increase safety, improve navigational safety and mobility (with reconstruction of the River Bridge), and promote local and regional surface mobility. I hope you will share my belief that this project clearly fits the application guidelines and will be beneficial to residents in Arkansas.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration of this matter, and please keep me informed of the status of this funding request. I am grateful for the help your office provides to the people of Arkansas.

Sincerely,



John Boozman  
U.S. Senator

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May 22, 2015

The Honorable Anthony Foxx  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
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Dear Secretary Foxx:

I write today to express my strong support for the Arkansas State Highway Transportation Department's (AHTD) Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant application. If awarded, this project will greatly enhance the infrastructure and contribute to the long-term viability of the I-30 corridor that runs through Little Rock and North Little Rock, Arkansas.

The corridor is a heavily travelled artery that provides access to jobs and services in the business districts of Little Rock and North Little Rock. It is also a major hub for motorists to travel throughout the entire state. According to AHTD's proposal, this project will enhance connectivity, reduce congestion, increase safety, and improve and promote local and regional transportation. This project would also replace the Arkansas River Bridge, which is considered "fracture-critical," and will be the first project in Arkansas to utilize the design-build project delivery system.

I request that you give AHTD's proposal full and fair consideration and that you keep my offices updated on its progress. My office contact for this issue is Jill Cox, and she can be reached at [Jill.Cox@mail.house.gov](mailto:Jill.Cox@mail.house.gov) or 501-324-5941.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

French Hill  
Member of Congress



**STATE OF ARKANSAS**  
ASA HUTCHINSON  
GOVERNOR

June 3, 2015

The Honorable Anthony Foxx  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE  
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Dear Secretary Foxx:

I am writing to express my support of the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department's application for TIGER grant funding. This funding will be used towards a project to make infrastructure improvements to the I-30 corridor between North Little Rock and Little Rock.

While this major artery provides access to services, jobs and neighborhoods for the residents of the Little Rock metro area, it also conjoins the heavy traffic volume of Interstate 40. The combination of our current infrastructure along with the large traffic numbers on this corridor creates the most congested corridor in our state which increases the risk for motor vehicle accidents. Also, replacement of the Arkansas River Bridge is part of the plans for the project. This bridge is considered "fracture-critical." The completion of this project would greatly improve the traffic flow of the region, as well as provide enhanced access to the business districts of both Little Rock and North Little Rock.

I appreciate your consideration for this project and the AHTD's application. Please let me know of any assistance I can provide.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Asa Hutchinson".

Asa Hutchinson

REPRESENTATIVE

Fredrick J. Love

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June 2, 2015

The Honorable Anthony Fox  
Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
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Dear Secretary Foxx :

Please accept this letter as my support of the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department's application for a Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant for the Interstate 30 corridor project. The Interstate 30 corridor passes through the heart of Little Rock and North Little Rock, serving as a vital connector for innumerable commercial entities and private citizens. The project will enhance connectivity, reduce congestion, increase safety, improve navigational safety and mobility, and promote local and regional surface mobility.

The Interstate 30 corridor is vital to the Little Rock and North Little Rock metropolitan area for movement of goods, services and customers. This project's completion will positively affect businesses and citizens in all of Central Arkansas, as well as travelers and visitors in the area.

I strongly support the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department's application for TIGER funding for the Interstate 30 corridor project and I appreciate your favorable consideration. If you have any questions or if I may be of service, please do not hesitate to contact me personally.

Sincerely,



Fredrick J. Love  
State Representative  
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June 2, 2015

Scott E. Bennett, P.E.  
Director of Highways and Transportation  
P.O. Box 2261  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203

Dear Mr. Bennett:

I am writing in support of the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department's application for TIGER funding for the Interstate 30 corridor project. North Little Rock is a great place to live, work, and play, and the Interstate 30 corridor is essential to residential and commercial citizens of North Little Rock. The project will enhance connectivity, reduce congestion, increase safety, improve navigational safety and mobility, and promote local and regional surface mobility.

The Interstate 30 corridor is vital to commercial institutions in North Little Rock providing access to goods, services and customers. This project's completion will positively affect North Little Rock and all of Arkansas. I strongly support the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department's application for TIGER funding for the Interstate 30 corridor project. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



Joe A. Smith  
Mayor

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**City of Little Rock**

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Bruce T. Moore  
City Manager

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June 4, 2015

Mr. Scott E. Bennett, P.E.  
Director  
Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department  
P.O. Box 2261  
Little Rock, AR 72203

Dear Mr. Bennett:

As City Manager, on behalf of the City of Little Rock, I want to express the City's support of the redevelopment and improvement of the Interstate-30 Corridor, including replacement of the "fracture-critical" Arkansas River Bridge, using TIGER grant funding.

This will be the first project in Arkansas history to utilize the design-build project delivery system. The project is one of thirty-five (35) Connecting Arkansas Program projects funded by a temporary one-half cent sales tax voted in by the people of Arkansas in 2012.

The project will enhance connectivity, reduce congestion, increase safety, improve navigational safety and mobility with reconstruction of the River Bridge, and promote local and regional surface mobility. The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department has worked with local partners and stakeholders during early project development, and the City looks forward to the opportunity to continue to be involved to make this a signature project for both Interstate travel and for community development across the corridor.

Sincerely,

Bruce T. Moore  
City Manager



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DIRECTOR'S OFFICE  
ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND  
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May 21, 2015

Scott E. Bennett, P.E.  
Director of Highways and Transportation  
Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department  
PO Box 2261  
Little Rock, AR 72203

Dear Mr. Bennett,

I write to you on behalf of Acxiom Corporation. We are a significant employer in Central Arkansas with our primary locations being located adjacent to I-40 in Conway and I-30 in downtown Little Rock. We are very supportive of the planned improvements to the roadway and bridge improvements that are contemplated in the Little Rock and North Little Rock areas where the department is seeking a TIGER grant. These improvements will be of assistance to our business as many of our associates travel regularly upon these roads to and from work as well as to our various offices. One of the reasons that we sited our headquarters at our current Little Rock location was the ease of access to and smooth traffic flows of the interstate. Over the years we have noticed that the amount of traffic has increased and that there many occasions when it is congested. Further, if the Arkansas River Bridge were taken out of service for a period of time by an unplanned structural deficiency not only our business but the entire downtown area would be very negatively impacted.

Cordially yours,

Jerry C. Jones  
EVP & Chief Ethics and Legal Officer  
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June 1, 2015

Scott E. Bennett, P.E.  
Director of Highways and Transportation  
P.O. Box 2261  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203

RE: Support Letter for I-30 Tiger Grant

Dear Mr. Bennett,

Please accept this letter in support of the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department's application for TIGER funding for the Interstate 30 corridor project. The Interstate 30 corridor passes through the heart of Little Rock and North Little Rock, serving as a vital connector for innumerable commercial entities and private citizens. The project will enhance connectivity, reduce congestion, increase safety, improve navigational safety and mobility, and promote local and regional surface mobility.

The Argenta District of North Little Rock, located near the Interstate 30 corridor, serves as a leader in a pioneering movement called "new urbanism", focused on creating a vibrant, walkable, mixed use community integrating housing, shops, work places, schools, parks, and entertainment. Argenta relies on Interstate 30 for access to the community by residents, visitors and suppliers. I strongly support the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department's application for TIGER funding for the Interstate 30 corridor project. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Donna Hardcastle  
Executive Director



June 3, 2015

Scott E. Bennett, P.E.  
Director  
Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department  
P.O. Box 2261  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203

Dear Mr. Bennett,

I am writing in support of the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department's application for TIGER funding for the Interstate 30 corridor project. The Interstate 30 corridor is vital to the movement of freight through Little Rock, North Little Rock and all of Arkansas. The project will enhance connectivity, reduce congestion, increase safety, improve navigational safety and mobility, and promote local and regional surface mobility.

The Interstate 30 corridor serves the Bill and Hillary Clinton National Airport as well as the Little Rock Port terminal. Improved access to these areas will greatly enhance intermodal connectivity in the region. Trucks carrying freight through and throughout Arkansas will be served by increased safety and mobility upon completion of this project. The business community as well as residents of Central Arkansas will have increased access to the essential products and services that traverse the Interstate 30 corridor daily.

I strongly support the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department's application for TIGER funding for the Interstate 30 corridor project. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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Shannon Newton  
President



## Arkansas Waterways Commission

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Gene Higginbotham, Executive Director

June 3, 2015

Mr. Scott Bennett  
Director  
Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department  
P.O. Box 2261  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203

RE: TIGER GRANT

Dear Mr. Bennett,

On behalf of the Arkansas Waterways Commission, I write to support the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department's TIGER grant application for the Interstate 30 corridor.

Of particular interest to the Waterways Commission is the I-30 Bridge which is part of the corridor. This bridge carries the highest amount of vehicular traffic across the Arkansas River in Metropolitan Little Rock area and the Arkansas River (recently named Maritime Highway 40) is a critical route for commercial navigation.

Users of the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System (Arkansas River) have been vocal for decades regarding their concerns about the narrowing of the navigation channel under the existing I-30 Bridge. Currently the bridge does not meet current AASHTO Standards and while the current pier protection system offers optimal protection for frontal collision, there remains a great potential for damage from a vessel collision from the side which is unprotected.

This grant would allow the Interstate 30 Bridge to be redesigned to make it safer for both navigation and vehicular traffic. The new bridge would ensure that the navigation channel under the bridge would be expanded.

Thank you for the opportunity to support this grant application. If you have any questions, I can be reached at (501) 682-1173.

Sincerely,

Gene Higginbotham



June 2, 2015

Mr. Scott E. Bennett, P.E.  
Director of Highways and Transportation Department  
P.O. Box 2261  
Little Rock, AR 72203

Dear Mr. Bennett:

I am writing in support of the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department's application for TIGER funding for the Interstate 30 corridor project. The Interstate 30 corridor traverses Little Rock and North Little Rock serving as a vital connector for innumerable commercial entities and private citizens. The project will enhance connectivity, reduce congestion, increase safety, improve navigational safety and mobility, and promote local and regional surface mobility.

The Interstate 30 corridor project's completion will benefit public travelers in Little Rock, North Little Rock and all of Central Arkansas. The increased capacity will especially help our community public transit agencies provide more timely and reliable service for healthcare and employment trips.

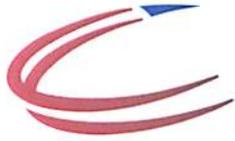
I strongly support the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department's application for TIGER funding for the Interstate 30 corridor project. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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Ann H. Gilbert  
Executive Director

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Ronald F. Mathieu, C.M.  
Executive Director

Bryan K. Malinowski, C.M.  
Deputy Executive Director

May 28, 2015

Scott E. Bennett, P.E.  
Director  
Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department  
P.O. Box 2261  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203

Dear Mr. Bennett:

I am writing in support of the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department's application for TIGER funding for the Interstate 30 corridor project. The Interstate 30 corridor passes through the heart of central Arkansas, serving as a vital connector for innumerable commercial entities and private citizens. This project will enhance connectivity, reduce congestion, improve safety and promote local and regional mobility.

The Interstate 30 corridor is essential to passengers and visitors utilizing Bill and Hillary Clinton National Airport. Its enhancement will ease access to Arkansas' largest airport, which serves more than 2 million travelers annually.

Again, I strongly support this application. Please let me know if I may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Ronald F. Mathieu, C.M.  
Executive Director

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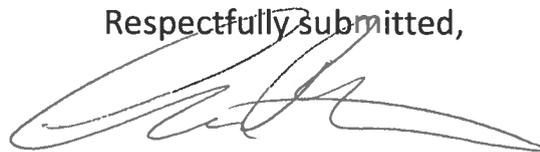
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Mr. Scott E Bennett, P.E., Director of Highways and Transportation  
P.O. Box 2261  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203

Re: I-30 Corridor Project – Tiger Funding

Dear Sir,

Please accept this letter of support for the captioned project.  
As a citizen of Pulaski County I use this road daily as does all of my employees.  
Our small construction company commute to and from home and jobsites on this  
road. We are too familiar with safety problems and congestion that occur every  
day. I wholeheartedly support and encourage your application for Tiger Funds for  
this important project.

Respectfully submitted,



Clark McGlothlin

Clark McGlothlin  
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June 3, 2015

Mr. Scott Bennett  
Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department  
P.O. Box 2261  
Little Rock, AR 72203

Re: TIGER Grant Funding for I-30 Corridor.

Dear Mr. Bennett,

On behalf of the Clinton Foundation, I want to express our support of the redevelopment and rehabilitation of the Interstate 30 Corridor with the support of TIGER grant funding.

When we were considering the site for the location of the presidential center, the proximity to Interstate 30 was an important factor. Today, that corridor remains vitally important to the Clinton Center's ongoing efforts to attract visitors and school groups alike. Furthermore, the corridor acts as the western border of the Clinton Presidential Park, a 30-acre public area, which is enjoyed by hundreds of thousands of people every year. If done correctly, the corridor could become an extension of the park and of the entire downtown area.

It is our hope that the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department continues to work with local governments and other stakeholders to fully develop the corridor plan while seeking the respective groups' approval of the corridor's final design.

Sincerely,

Stephanie S. Streett  
Executive Director  
Clinton Foundation



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Scott E. Bennett, P.E.  
Director of Highways and Transportation  
P.O. Box 226  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203

RE: Support for TIGER Grant for I-30 Corridor in Central Arkansas

Dear Mr. Bennett,

Our institution wishes to go on record as supporting an application to the Department of Transportation for a Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant.

I can think of no other infrastructure improvement that could have such an impact on a region as the I-30 Corridor project. The necessity for replacing the I-30 bridge and connectors is an engineering fact, but the importance of the project to us rests mostly in the project's interface with the community. It is crucial that the project be completed and critical that it be completed in the right way.

The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department has been active in engaging the community in the planning process. The work could divide already challenged neighborhoods, or it can actually help to reunite, if the Highway Department is able to follow through on some of their preliminary plans for connecting to and across the interstate. It is hard to overstate the opportunity for us to improve our situation in North Little Rock and Little Rock. We have four accredited museums within a stone's throw of I-30, plus a Presidential Library. Old and fragile neighborhoods can either be further threatened or, hopefully, supported, as this project proceeds. And the I-30 Corridor is at the junction of three of the state's natural divisions, leaving the challenge of special care for our natural resources. The existing I-30 Corridor did some things very well – especially the treatment of Fourche Creek, at the southern end of the project – but because of the Big Highway mentality, the cities were radically and racially divided by the project. The Highway Department has creatively developed ideas which can actually help to reunite our communities through this current I-30 Corridor project.

The TIGER grant can be a transformational addition to this project. The Historic Arkansas Museum is enthusiastic in its support of the grant.

With appreciation for your consideration, I remain,

Sincerely,

William B. Worthen, Jr.  
Director



June 2, 2015

Mr. Scott Bennett

Director, Arkansas Dept. of Highways and Transportation

P.O. Box 2261

Little Rock, Ar. 72203

RE: TIGER Grant- I-30 Corridor

Dear Scott,

I am writing in support of the Arkansas State Highway & Transportation Department's application for TIGER funding for the Interstate 30 corridor project. The Interstate 30 corridor passes through the most vibrant parts of Little Rock and North Little Rock, providing critical access for residents and businesses. The project will enhance connectivity, reduce congestion, increase safety, improve navigational safety and mobility, and promote local and regional surface mobility.

My company's passion is building a wonderful, livable city that sets Little Rock apart. Great cities are created and sustained by reliable and efficient infrastructure. The widening and reconstruction of the I-30 corridor will help Little Rock, Arkansas, realize its full potential as a truly great city. I strongly support the Arkansas Highway Department's application for TIGER funding for the Interstate 30 corridor project.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Jimmy Moses

Chairman

Cc: James E. Patrick

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June 1, 2015

Mr. Scott E. Bennett, P.E.  
Director of Highways and Transportation  
P.O. Box 2261  
Little Rock, AR 72203

Dear Mr. Bennett,

I am writing to support the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department's application for TIGER funding for the Interstate 30 corridor project.

In Arkansas, the tourism and hospitality industry represents over 100,000 jobs and recorded \$6.7 billion in direct spending in 2014. Central Arkansas is the state's tourism hub, and effective accessibility throughout our city is paramount to our future success as a travel destination.

Interstate 30 is a huge part of our network of interconnecting highways, and we are very supportive of widening, and reconstructing, this vital connector for our downtown core. We feel, once complete, the project will enhance connectivity, reduce congestion, and improve navigational safety and mobility. Citizens and visitors to Little Rock, North Little Rock and all of Arkansas will benefit from this project.

The Interstate 30 corridor is also critical to commercial institutions for access to goods, services and customers, as well as the primary access to the downtown areas of Little Rock and North Little Rock. I strongly support the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department's application for TIGER funding for the Interstate 30 corridor project. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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Gretchen Hall, CDME  
President & CEO  
Little Rock Convention & Visitors Bureau



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June 2, 2015

Scott E. Bennett  
Director of Highways and Transportation  
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Dear Mr. Bennett,

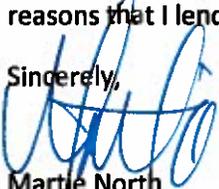
As a member of the Arkansas Highways and Transportation Department (AHTD) Context Sensitive Solutions Visioning Team, I cast my support in pursuing TIGER grant funding for a design-build project in Pulaski County, Arkansas to widen and reconstruct Interstate 30 starting in Little Rock at the I-530 interchange in the south to Interstate 40, and from JFK Boulevard eastward to the Arkansas 67 interchange in North Little Rock. If awarded, the \$200,000,000 will be applied to the estimated \$650,000,000 needed for this corridor. Utilizing a collaborative process among AHTD, Metroplan, and local government representatives from Little Rock, North Little Rock and Pulaski County, a planning and environmental linkages process (PEL) is being used to encourage and expedite deliverables, scope of work and expectations for the Connecting Arkansas Program (CAP) project that is greatly needed in our state.

The Connecting Arkansas Program, a program designed to address critical highway construction projects across the state, is the largest ever undertaken in Arkansas. The citizens of Arkansas support improvements and demonstrated their support by approving a 10 year half cent sales tax to improve the state's intermodal transportation system. This is a strong demonstration of need as sales tax increases are not desirable in this economic environment yet the need to repair, improve and widen our roadways is essential for economic development and the quality of life of our residents.

Funds will be used to address several of our current needs by enhancing connectivity, reducing congestion, increasing safety, improving navigational safety and mobility (with reconstruction of the River Bridge), and promoting local and regional surface mobility. Within the study area, traffic patterns and previous road design do not address our current or future needs. The study area is an employment center for a large portion of the state which currently is dependent on personal vehicles to move persons around. Each day from my office window I watch what seems to be unexplained traffic jams/congestion caused oftentimes by minor traffic events that virtually shut down this area. I have lived in and visited much larger cities and the traffic patterns in the focus area rival those. If we are to continue to grow in population and to recruit and create new businesses, the ability to move people effectively is critical. Exits and entrances must be reconsidered, increasing connectivity to major tourist attractions and social centers while balancing the needs of existing neighborhoods must be a priority.

As an Arkansan that works in community development every day, I imagine how enhancements to this corridor will have major implications to providing a more desirable area in which to live and work. It is for these and many other reasons that I lend my support to this grant application.

Sincerely,



Martie North

SVP, Director of Community Development/CRA  
Simmons Bank



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June 1, 2015

Mr. Scott Bennett  
Director  
Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department  
P.O. Box 2261  
Little Rock, AR 72203-2261

RE: Letter of Support for I-30 TIGER Grant

Dear Mr. Bennett:

I am writing in support of the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department's application for TIGER funding for the Interstate 30 corridor project. The Interstate 30 corridor project clearly meets the TIGER program's focus on projects of national and regional significance. While the scope of the project only covers approximately six miles, six freeways merge and diverge in that span. It is the most congested corridor in the state of Arkansas and provides access to the central business districts in Little Rock and North Little Rock, is the gateway to the state capitol and to the Little Rock National Airport and the Port of Little Rock. Replacing the I-30 Arkansas River Bridge as part of the project, will improve both navigational and roadway safety.

If designed and built with an eye toward reconnecting the communities severed by this urban freeway more than 50 years ago, the project can greatly benefit the regeneration going on in the two downtowns. This project's completion can positively affect livability and commerce in Little Rock, North Little Rock and serve to connect the central Arkansas market to the rest of national and global economy. Metroplan supports the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department's application for TIGER funding for the Interstate 30 corridor project. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Jim McKenzie  
Executive Director



May 26, 2015

Mr. Bennett,

The Interstate 30 corridor passes through the heart of Little Rock and North Little Rock, serving as a vital connector for innumerable commercial entities and private citizens. The project will enhance connectivity, reduce congestion, increase safety, improve navigational safety and mobility, and promote local and regional surface mobility.

As President and CEO of The North Little Rock Chamber of Commerce and a board member on the Economic Development Commission, we're constantly asked about mobility and connectivity from new businesses and people wanting to relocate to the area. The design and reconstruction of Interstate 30 is something that will be essential for both cities to continue to grow.

For those considering allocating the TIGER grant funding for the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department, I hope this letter will help convey the crucial need for the continued development of our communities.

Respectfully,

Terry Hartwick  
President & CEO  
North Little Rock Chamber of Commerce



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May 29, 2015

Mr. Scott Bennett, P.E.  
Director of Highways & Transportation  
P.O. Box 2261  
Little Rock, AR 72203

Dear Mr. Bennett:

The current configuration of the area of planned highway improvements on Interstate 30 corridor running through the downtowns of North Little Rock and Little Rock is heavily used by both local residents, commercial vehicles and out of town travelers. The increased traffic through the corridor has produced unsafe and confusing issues for motorists.

At the Broadway Exit (141B) in North Little Rock congestion, at times, will back up south/west onto the I-30 Arkansas River Bridge into Little Rock and north/east to the I-40 interchange due to large events being held at Verizon Arena, Dickey-Stephens Park and the Downtown Riverside RV Park.

The North Little Convention & Visitors Bureau supports the Arkansas State Highway & Transportation grant application for TIGER funds to widen and reconstruct portions of Interstates 30 & 40 in North Little Rock and Little Rock.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert A. Major, Jr.".

Robert A. Major, Jr.  
Executive Director

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June 1, 2015

Scott E. Bennett  
Director of Highways and Transportation  
P.O. Box 2261  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203

Dear Mr. Bennett:

I am writing to support your TIGER grant application. Our Main Library is only two blocks from the present I-30 corridor. It is my belief that the ramps near the library are inefficient, that the section around those ramps is almost always congested, and that something needs to be done to correct the problem.

Sincerely,



Bobby Roberts  
Director

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May 20, 2015

Scott E. Bennett  
P.E., Director of Highways and Transportation  
P O Box 2261  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203

Dr. Mr. Bennett,

"I am writing in support of the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department's application for TIGER funding for the Interstate 30 corridor project. The Interstate 30 corridor passes through the heart of Little Rock and North Little Rock, serving as a vital connector for innumerable commercial entities and private citizens. The project will enhance connectivity, reduce congestion, increase safety, improve navigational safety and mobility, and promote local and regional surface mobility.

Shorter College is a private, faith-based, two-year liberal-arts college located in North Little Rock, Arkansas and is currently the fastest growing campus in Central Arkansas. It is the only two-year Historically Black College in Arkansas. Students and visitors rely on the Interstate 30 corridor for access to the institution. This project's completion will positively affect Shorter College and the students that we serve. I strongly support the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department's application for TIGER funding for the Interstate 30 corridor project. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance."

Sincerely

O. Jerome Green  
President

June 3, 2015

Scott E. Bennett, P.E.  
Director of Highways and Transportation  
P.O. Box 2261  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203

Dear Mr. Bennett,

The Pulaski County Multi-Purpose Facilities Board (Verizon Arena) would like to cast its support for a design-build project in Pulaski County to widen and reconstruct Interstate 30 starting in Little Rock at the I-530 interchange in the south to Interstate 40, and from JFK Boulevard eastward to the Arkansas 67 interchange in North Little Rock. The Verizon Arena is located next to the I-30 bridge and relies on that roadway to get our patrons to and from events and meetings. Any enhancement to that roadway will be beneficial to our patrons from all over the state and out-of-state, as well. With over 500,000 people coming to the arena each year, we provide an economic boost for the entire region that improved access will only increase. The Verizon Arena fully supports the effort to improve this major transportation artery in Arkansas.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Sandra Brown  
Chair, Pulaski County Multi-Purpose Facilities Board