



NORTH CAROLINA  
**RAILROAD**  
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Ms. Laura Cove, P.E.  
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**Re: North Carolina Railroad Company TIGER II Discretionary Grant Program  
Letter of Support**

Dear Ms. Cove,

We understand the Town of Cary has developed and plans to submit an application for TIGER II grant funds for a bridge project to extend Walker Street, under the NCRR rail line, from Chatham Street to Chapel Hill Road in downtown Cary. The roadway extension will include bike lanes and wide pedestrian sidewalks. A railroad grade separation will be provided for CSX, Norfolk Southern, and the North Carolina Railroad. The project will provide safety benefits associated with rail traffic separation, relieve area-wide congestion, and enhance economic re-development in nearby downtown Cary.

The NCRR views the improvement as one that promotes safety in its rail corridor through the use of a roadway-rail grade separation. The purpose and need for this improvement aligns itself with the mission and objectives of the NCRR, with the efficient and environmentally responsible transportation of people and goods. Based on our review of the preliminary plans of the improvement, the NCRR strongly supports the Town of Cary in its efforts to obtain a TIGER II Grant for this purpose. In addition, this will also confirm that NCRR has budgeted \$1 million as a contribution (NCRR revenue; non-taxpayer funds) to the construction of the rail bridge portion of the Walker Street Extension project.

We hope that your project will be approved and we greatly appreciate your foresight in developing and promoting a project that encourages safety for the NCRR rail corridor.

Sincerely,

  
Scott M. Saylor  
President

cc: Howard Johnson, Cary Chamber of Commerce  
Brad Kerchof, Norfolk Southern Railway  
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