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

Dear Secretary LaHood:

Norfolk Southern has received a request for TIGER II Discretionary Grant Program support from the Town of Cary, North Carolina. The Town of Cary plans to submit an application for their Walker Street Extension Project.

The project is approximately 0.20 miles in length and will extend from Chatham Street to Chapel Hill Road located in downtown Cary. The roadway extension will be complete with bike lanes and wide pedestrian sidewalks. A railroad grade separation bridge will be provided for Norfolk Southern, CSXT, North Carolina Railroad and Triangle Transit Authority. The grade separation project will provide safety benefits associated with freight, transit and high speed rail operations in the same corridor; relieve area-wide vehicular congestion; improve emergency vehicle response; and enhance economic re-development in nearby downtown Cary.

Based on our company's review of the project and knowledge of TIGER II Discretionary Grant Program requirements, Norfolk Southern supports the Town of Cary, North Carolina in their efforts to obtain a TIGER II Grant.

Sincerely,


Durwood S. Laughinghouse

Cc: Ben Shivar, Town Manager