



August 20, 2010

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

RE: TIGER II Discretionary Grant Program  
Letter of Project Support for the Walker Street Extension, Town of Cary, NC

Dear Secretary LaHood,

The purpose of this letter is to establish Triangle Transit's support for the TIGER II Discretionary Grant Program application from the Town of Cary, North Carolina.

To enhance overall safety and connectivity; pedestrian and vehicular circulation and railroad operations; improve emergency vehicle response and support ongoing economic re-development in the downtown area, the Town of Cary has developed plans for the Walker Street Extension Project. The plans, which were developed in collaboration with the NC Department of Transportation (NCDOT), NC Railroad (NCRR), CSX Transportation (CSXT), Norfolk Southern, Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization and Triangle Transit, extend Walker Street under the NCRR corridor from Chatham Street to Chapel Hill Road in downtown Cary.

The project includes bicycle lanes and wide pedestrian sidewalks along the roadway and a new railroad bridge that will accommodate CSXT and Norfolk Southern Rail operations (including Amtrak Passenger Rail Service) and support a future regional rail transit service bridge (Triangle Transit).

We believe that the Walker Street Extension Project is of great value to people living, working and visiting the Triangle Region and an appropriate transportation investment that will generate short and long term economic benefits as envisioned by the TIGER Discretionary Grant Program.

Sincerely,

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