Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Mr. Raymond H. LaHood
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave SE
Washington D.C. 20590

RE: TIGER II Program – San Francisco Bay Area Project Endorsement

Dear Secretary LaHood:

As members of the San Francisco Bay Area legislative delegation, we are writing to convey our strong support for two projects prioritized by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for the TIGER II competitive grant program. Based on the grant's criteria, emphasizing projects that improve the nation's economic competitiveness and livability, MTC found these projects to be the most competitive of the region's nominations. The project requests total $44.5 million and include:

- Improvements to the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) District's Hayward Maintenance Yard, including expansion and modernization of the yard, helping facilitate the extension of BART to Silicon Valley ($20 million).
- The Green Transportation Initiative, which will improve seven bicycle and pedestrian corridors in Alameda & Contra Costa Counties, providing improved non-motorized access to key regional transit service ($24.5 million).

In addition, we support the request for TIFIA funding for the Candlestick Point/Hunters Point Shipyard project, which will improve air quality by redirecting truck traffic away from residential streets and provide bus, pedestrian and bicycle improvements that will connect residents to job opportunities in Southeast San Francisco and Northern San Mateo County via Caltrain and San Francisco Municipal Transportation Authority (SFMTA) light rail.

Thank you for the Department's full consideration and determination of project selection consistent with all laws, rules, and regulations. We urge you to include these outstanding projects in the final TIGER II selection.

Sincerely,

George Miller

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