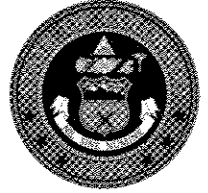


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Bill Ritter, Jr.  
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September 9, 2009

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

Dear Secretary LaHood,

I am writing this letter to support the Roads, Rivers, and Recovery project's application for the TIGER grant. The unique partnerships formed in the planning of this project truly meet the spirit of the special criteria of the TIGER grant. By working together with the Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment, The Federal Environmental Protection Agency, The Army Corps of Engineers, the Colorado Department of Wildlife, and numerous local agencies, this project presents a unique opportunity to clean up the superfund sites along North Clear Creek while constructing a safer roadway to Black Hawk and Central City which will add to the job creation that is already occurring there.

This project carries great importance to the state of Colorado economically as expansion in nearby gaming and resort areas, with a large draw from around the state, have increased the need for an expanded transportation system. Additionally, the maintenance activities for the proposed expansion take into account their effects on the water supply and air quality of the region responsibly. These factors combine to make this project an outstanding candidate for a TIGER grant.

The addition of the new technology to monitor potential traffic tie-ups and the continued control of potential rockfall danger will make traveling in this area a safer, more viable option too. Only by working in concert with all the stakeholders can these mutually beneficial actions take place, and the Roads, Rivers, and Recovery project will allow this work to be done in the most efficient manner possible.

Please add my name to your list of supporters for this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill Ritter, Jr." followed by a period.

Bill Ritter, Jr.  
Governor