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The Honorable Raymond H. LaHood
Secretary of Transportation
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: Support for TIGER Grant Funding: Roads, Rivers and Recovery Project

Dear Secretary LaHood:

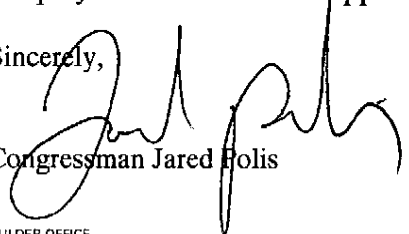
I am writing in support of the Roads, Rivers and Recovery Project application as the Member of Congress representing the 2nd Congressional District of Colorado, for a Supplemental Discretionary Grant for Capital Investments in Surface Transportation under Title XII of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act ("ARRA") of 2009 (a "TIGER Grant").

This project will solve a broad range of needs and problems, particularly with safety as this area experiences frequent rock slides and its remote nature in the base of Clear Creek Canyon limits cell service in emergencies. This project, if funded, will provide and create employment opportunities by cleaning up an existing Superfund site, mitigating hazardous waste sites and dangerous rock slides, restoring waterways, and improving wildlife habitat.

Construction of the project will foster economic benefits to the project area, metropolitan Denver area, and Rocky Mountain region. With ever-growing congestion on nearby I-70, this stretch of highway is also seeing increased use as motorists attempt to bypass congestion between Denver and the mountain recreation destinations. This congestion is a major problem in Colorado, and this project will help to mitigate the congestion's effects and its drag on the regional economy. The Project will only be possible through the award of this grant. Receipt of the grant funds will benefit CDOT and the North Clear Creek Mitigation Advisory Committee (NCCMAC) partnership. The partnership was formed in 2007 to facilitate the efforts of CDOT, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, and the Environmental Protection Agency on the Project corridor. The Roads, Rivers, and Recovery Project is the product of 2½ years of planning, engineering, and development; investing in the Project will optimize job creation and economic stimulus in Colorado.

I hope you will choose to support this project, and thank you for your consideration of its application.

Sincerely,


Congressman Jared Polis

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