

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

September 15, 2009

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

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I am writing to support the Roads, Rivers and Recovery project's application for Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant funding. This project proposes to restore superfund sites along the North Clear Creek while constructing a safer more reliable transportation roadway project to Black Hawk and Central City. These transportation improvements will add to and become an economic multiplier for the job creation that is already occurring in these locations.

This project will provide needed safety improvements to a heavily traveled and unsafe stretch of Colorado State Highway 119. This stretch of road travels along a steep canyon that is subject to frequent and dangerous rock falls. Because of the geographic features in the area, little to no cell phone coverage is available. This poses a unique challenge for emergency responders who often are delayed in their response time for accident victims because of this challenging geographic landscape. The addition of new technology to monitor dangerous traffic accidents and hazardous rock falls will allow the traveling public improved safety over the current conditions.

I ask that you give the Roads, Rivers and Recovery project's application every appropriate consideration consistent with all applicable laws and regulations.

Sincerely,



Mark Udall
United States Senator

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