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TIGER Discretionary Grants Program Manager
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1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
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Subject: Support for Missouri DOT TIGER Grant Request for Constructing 30 miles of dedicated truck lanes on I-70

Dear Secretary LaHood,

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) supports Missouri Department of Transportation's application for a TIGER Discretionary Grant to design, build and operate a 30-mile segment of Truck-Only lanes on Interstate 70. The I-70 Corridor through Missouri, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio was selected in 2007 by the U.S. DOT and FHWA as one of six nationally significant corridors in the "Corridors of the Future" Program. The Indiana Department of Transportation is the designated lead state for the FHWA funded I-70 Dedicated Truck Lanes Feasibility Study which commenced in June 2009. Also, the four coalition states are Missouri, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio. In 2008 we executed a Corridor Development Agreement (CDA) and a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Corridor.

Missouri DOT's proposed TIGER project is consistent with and supports the development of the corridor. This project is necessary to assess the truck only concept to operate efficiently, reliably, and safely. This project will also provide the laboratory-like environment to evaluate the design and operational measures needed for development and performance over the full four state, 800 mile, I-70 corridor.

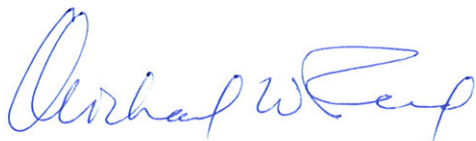
Further, on a truck-only facility it may be necessary to alter or implement legislation, regulations and policies regarding truck size and weight, parking, speed limits, etc. As such this project could serve as a catalyst to developing effective regulatory measures. Also, IT solutions to enhance mobility and safety could also be assessed or developed in conjunction with this project. The results could then be transferred to the remainder of the I-70 Dedicated Truck Lanes project as it is developed as well as any new similar project nationwide and internationally.

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We commend Missouri for its pursuit of this forward looking concept. The four states within this coalition stand firmly together and remain committed to the timely completion of the feasibility study.

We anticipate our future joint development of the dedicated truck lanes as a “new way ahead” towards relieving congestion, enhancing mobility, improving safety and strengthening the economic competitiveness along this significant national freight movement corridor.

Sincerely,



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Commissioner
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