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The Hon. Ray LaHood  
United States Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
Washington, DC 20590-0001

RE: Southern Navajo County Regional Corridor Application for TIGER Funding

Dear Secretary LaHood,

I write today in support of the joint application of Navajo County, the City of Show Low and the Town of Pinetop-Lakeside for \$48 million of Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant Program funding. All received money will be dedicated to constructing a multi-modal corridor that enhances regional safety, preserves scenic features, and boosts business development in a federally designated enterprise zone and one of the most economically depressed counties in Arizona. Specific priorities include:

- Completing Scott Ranch Road from State Route 260 to Penrod Road with a bridge over Show Low Creek.
- Constructing a new four-lane vehicle and pedestrian bridge over Billy Creek and a pedestrian walkway along Porter Mountain from State Route 260 to Blue Ridge School.
- Improving the existing traffic roundabout in front of the entrance to Blue Ridge School.
- Construct new four-lane vehicle and pedestrian bridge over Porter Creek on Penrod Road.
- Widening Penrod Road/Porter Mountain Road between US 60 in Show Low and SR 260 in Pinetop-Lakeside from two to fourlanes with an associated multi-use pathway for pedestrians and bicyclists.

These initiatives will reduce congestion on State Route Highway 260, create a more direct route for emergency services to Summit Regional Medical Center, and establish a pedestrian friendly path for Blue Ridge School students. Southern Navajo County is a regional commercial and retail hub that provides services for the bordering communities and for the White Mountain Apache Tribe. The benefit of receiving this award will be felt immediately and directly in two ways—improving critical infrastructure and providing important and much needed work to this community that has been hit hard during these tough times. I request that you give Navajo County, the City of Show Low and the Town of Pinetop-Lakeside's joint application all due consideration.

Sincerely,

Ann Kirkpatrick  
Member of Congress