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MAYOR

June 1, 2015

Secretary Anthony Foxx
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, NE
Washington, D.C. 20590

RE: Louisville Metro Government Dixie Highway 2015 TIGER Grant Application

Dear Secretary Foxx:

Louisville-Jefferson County Metro Government is pleased to submit this application for a FY2015 TIGER Grant to transform Dixie Highway into one of the nation's great regional multi-modal corridors. The application stems from the adopted 2013 Dixie Highway Corridor Master Plan, and is further supported by the early work efforts of Move Louisville, our Federally-supported multi-modal transportation plan. My administration has committed \$100,000 in existing funds and \$200,000 in the FY 2017 Budget as match. Proposed budgets must be approved by vote of the Louisville Metro Council. In addition, I commit \$200,000 in available General Obligation Bond Funds to assist in the planning and installation of the Intelligent Transportation System, bringing Metro's total support to \$500,000.

The mention of Dixie Highway immediately brings to mind congestion, traffic accidents and pedestrian fatalities. Although Metro Louisville and the Commonwealth of Kentucky have consistently collaborated to address specific problem areas, the real problems are by nature corridor-wide. The TIGER funds will allow Metro and its partners – the Kentucky Department of Transportation, TARC, and the Metropolitan Sewer District – to implement the Dixie Highway Corridor Master Plan and address the operation and management of this essential economic artery in a comprehensive manner.

The 2015 TIGER grant will enable Louisville to:

- Install a corridor-wide, intelligent transportation system that provides real time congestion management and signal preemption for transit;
- Incorporate access management improvements aimed at improving safety of vehicles and pedestrians along and through the corridor (poor access management contributes to some of the region's highest collision, accident, and death rates for vehicle, pedestrian and bicycle users);
- Install targeted transit facilities – shelters, transfer stations, and mini-transit hubs – to provide access to high frequency commuter and local transit routes; and

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- Construct pedestrian, aesthetic and storm water management improvements – including new sidewalks to fill gaps in the network and improvements to existing sidewalks where needed, green infrastructure, and wayfinding – to provide critical connectivity to transit and economic development; and
- Significantly improve access to jobs and social services for the low and moderate income neighborhoods along Dixie Highway.

I encourage your and the U.S. Department of Transportation's full support of the Dixie Highway 2015 TIGER Grant Application. Its implementation will not only put Dixie Highway in a state of good repair, but also will improve the area's economic competitiveness, quality of life, environmental sustainability and safety.

Sincerely,

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Greg Fischer
Mayor

JOHN A. YARMUTH
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June 3, 2015

Secretary Anthony Foxx
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Dear Secretary Foxx:

I am writing in support of Louisville Metro Government's 2015 TIGER grant application for important upgrades to Dixie Highway in Louisville, Kentucky. With this critical funding, the proposed Dixie Highway Corridor Master Plan could soon be used as a national model of regional commercial and multi-modal integration.

Currently, Dixie Highway faces congestion, traffic accidents, and, tragically, periodic pedestrian fatalities. The perception and reality of these challenges have deterred economic growth along the corridor, hampering the development of southwest Louisville. Now is the time to make the necessary investments to improve this corridor.

You have long stressed the importance of investing in infrastructure projects that would lay the foundation for economic growth, while also improving the safety and efficiency of our transportation network. These are the types of investments envisioned by the Dixie Highway Corridor Master Plan. The plan presents a multi-modal approach to manage access, congestion, and mobility – making Louisville safer while promoting economic growth in a sustainable manner. I, therefore, would like to express my strong support of the Dixie Highway 2015 TIGER grant application and urge its favorable consideration.

I appreciate your time and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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John Yarmuth
Member of Congress



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June 2, 2015

Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary
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RE: Louisville Metro Government Dixie Highway 2015 TIGER Grant Application

Dear Secretary Foxx:

I am pleased to support Louisville Metro Government's 2015 TIGER Grant Application for the transformation of Dixie Highway into one of the nation's great regional multi-modal corridors.

I, like many Kentuckians, envision Dixie Highway in Louisville as a regional corridor that safely moves people and commerce, allowing Louisville's southwest economy to thrive and people along the corridor to safely travel to and from work. That vision is not the case today. The corridor has far too many pedestrian fatalities and is typified by congestion that snarls economic growth.

The Commonwealth of Kentucky knows all too well the problems along the Dixie corridor and has worked with local government and the Kentucky General Assembly to find resources to address these problems. The TIGER grant will allow a federal, state and local partnership to tackle the transformation of Dixie Highway on a comprehensive level resulting in a high-functioning, multi-modal regional thoroughfare.

The Commonwealth of Kentucky is pleased to commit \$11.5 million in appropriated state road funds as a partial match for the Dixie Highway 2015 TIGER grant.

Sincerely,

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Steven L. Beshear



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June 1, 2015

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United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, NE
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RE: Louisville Metro Government Dixie Highway 2014 TIGER Grant Application

Dear Secretary Foxx:

I am writing to express my support for Louisville Metro Government's application for the Department of Transportation's 2015 TIGER Capital grant for the transformation of Dixie Highway/US 31W into a safe and efficient multi-modal corridor.

Dixie Highway's growth over the last 100 years has resulted in a wide, and often unsafe, heavily-used corridor. It is a key corridor for the movement of people and freight, connecting Louisville with Fort Knox, Elizabethtown, and points to the southwest. However, many problems created by incremental growth have restrained the corridor from an economic standpoint.

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) has recognized both the strategic importance and the poor state of repair of the highway and has been working with Louisville Metro Government over the last two years to begin to address key safety issues at the intersection of Dixie and I-264. The TIGER grant will allow Louisville and the Commonwealth of Kentucky to take a holistic approach to the corridor, addressing safety, congestion, transit operations, access management, and pedestrian connectivity in an integrated way.

KYTC is pleased to commit \$11.5 million in appropriated state road funds as a partial match for the TIGER grant.

Sincerely,

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Michael W. Hancock, P.E.
Secretary



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May 28, 2015

Secretary Anthony Foxx
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, NE
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Dear Secretary Foxx:

RE: Louisville Metro Government Dixie Highway 2015 TIGER Grant Application

I am writing to express my support of Louisville Metro Government's application for the Department of Transportation's 2015 TIGER Capital grant to transform Dixie Highway/US 31W into a safe and efficient multi-modal corridor.

Dixie Highway's growth over the last 100 years has resulted in a wide, and often unsafe, heavily used corridor. It is a key corridor for the movement of people and freight, connecting Louisville with Fort Knox, Elizabethtown, and points to the southwest. The many problems created by incremental growth have restrained the corridor from an economic standpoint.

I know all too well the problems along the Dixie corridor and have worked with the State Legislature to allocate funds to address these problems. The TIGER grant will allow a federal, state, and local partnership to tackle the transformation of Dixie Highway on a comprehensive level that will result in a high functioning, multi-modal regional thoroughfare

I encourage the U.S. Department of Transportation's full support of the Dixie Highway 2015 TIGER Grant Application and thank you for your understanding and assistance.

Sincerely,

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Joni Jenkins
State Representative

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June 2, 2015

Dear Secretary Foxx,

On behalf of the public transportation provider for Greater Louisville, I am writing to express my strong support for Louisville Metro Government's application for a \$16.9 million DOT TIGER grant that would make it possible to transform Dixie Highway into a safe, multi-modal corridor.

Dixie Highway is one of Louisville's major corridors of commerce and also one of the most congested and least safe, sometimes referred to by locals as "The Die Way." Improvements are long overdue.

The corridor links Louisville and Ft. Knox and is heavily used by local residents, military families, workers and for transporting goods. Public transportation is a popular travel choice along the more urbanized stretch of Dixie Highway, providing access not only to jobs and schools, but to diverse residential neighborhoods.

In 2011, TARC increased the frequency of buses on a key part of the corridor to meet demand. This high frequency service – every 15 minutes from 6 a.m. - 7 p.m. – has not been sufficient and overcrowding remains an issue. More than 8,000 of the nearly 50,000 average weekday trips are taken on the TARC route #18 serving Dixie/Preston Highway corridor. Because of the corridor's current limitations, it is difficult, if not impossible, to implement an efficient public transportation service to meet the demand and provide access for people to get where they need to go.

This grant would change those circumstances by providing real-time congestion management and signal preemption for transit; and new transit shelters, stations and mini-transit hubs. New sidewalks would provide much needed safe access to transit services and jobs. The result would provide a foundation for further transit service improvements.

By connecting people to jobs, education and health care, public transportation improvements would strengthen the economy and provide for an overall improved quality of life.

For all the reasons cited above, I urge serious consideration and approval of this grant application.

Thank you for your consideration.

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J. Barry Barker

Sherry S. Conner
Mayor

City of Shively

June 1, 2015

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RE: Louisville Metro Government Dixie Highway 2015 TIGER Grant Application

Dear Secretary Foxx:

I am writing to express my support for Louisville Metro Government's application for the Department of Transportation's 2015 TIGER Capital grant for the transformation of Dixie Highway into a pleasant and safe multi-modal corridor.

Dixie Highway is the heart of Shively, my small city, located within Jefferson County and just southwest of the old Louisville City limits. Dixie Highway is our commercial center and our transportation life line, but it is all too often impenetrable. Pedestrians cannot safely cross it, commuters cannot safely get to and from their bus stops, and heavy traffic inhibits business. AS you can see most of my concerns are safety for anyone that utilizes Dixie Highway. These and others are all problems that can be addressed through the implementation of the Dixie Highway Corridor Master Plan and the 2015 TIGER Grant.

I encourage the U.S. Department of Transportation's full support of the Dixie Highway 2015 TIGER Grant Application.

Sincerely,



Sherry S. Conner
Mayor



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Louisville Metro Council

Rick Blackwell
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June 1, 2015

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RE: Louisville Metro Government Dixie Highway 2015 TIGER Grant Application


Dear Secretary Foxx:

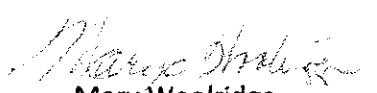
We are writing to encourage your support of Louisville Metro Government's 2015 TIGER Grant Application for the conversion of Dixie Highway into one of the nation's great multi-modal corridors. The Dixie Highway corridor is a critical commercial corridor and its improvement into a model multi-modal street will have both local and regional impact.


Congestion, accidents and too often, pedestrian fatalities, typify Dixie Highway and negatively impact the economic growth of corridor and larger southwest Louisville. Two years ago, we, as a Council, adopted the Dixie Highway Corridor Master Plan as a strategy to manage access, congestion and mobility, and stimulate economic development in a coordinated, sustainable, and multi-modal manner.

I encourage your and the U.S. Department of Transportation's full support of the Dixie Highway 2015 TIGER Grant Application.


Sincerely,


Rick Blackwell
District 12 Councilman


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May 29, 2015

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United States Department of Transportation
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Subject: MSD Support of Dixie Highway TIGER Grant

Dear Secretary Foxx:

The Louisville and Jefferson County Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) has entered into an Amended Consent Decree (ACD) with the Kentucky Department of Environmental Protection (KDEP) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The Amended Consent Decree was signed by United States District Judge Simpson on April 10, 2009, and filed in United States District Court, Western Division of Kentucky, Louisville Division, on April 15, 2009.

As part of the Integrated Overflow Abatement Plan (IOAP) submitted as a ACD deliverable and approved on September 30, 2009, MSD has committed to include Green Infrastructure as an integral component of the Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) overall reduction plan. One project opportunity exists with a partnership with Louisville Metro along the Dixie Highway Corridor. In concert with streetscape renovations and proposed pedestrian and bicycle paths to connect Downtown Louisville to the Louisville Loop Park system and Southwest Jefferson County, MSD proposes to partner with Louisville Metro to incorporate green practices into this plan for segments that are located within the MSD combined sewer system.

The eligibility of MSD funds would apply to the following criteria:

- Segments of Dixie Highway that drain to the combined sewer system – generally Dixie Highway from Broadway to Ralph Avenue,
- All green components will be modeled for actual values for overflow mitigation and treatment savings by capturing stormwater with green infrastructure,
- These green components would capture storm water prior to entry to the combined sewer and provide means for infiltration,
- Capture and infiltration of storm water would be achieved by utilization techniques provided in the MSD Design Manual (Chapter 18).



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June 2, 2015

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RE: Louisville Metro Government "Transforming Dixie Highway" 2015 TIGER Grant Application

Dear Secretary Foxx:

Please accept this letter from the University of Louisville Center for Environmental Policy and Management as an expression of support for Louisville Metro Government's application for the Department of Transportation's 2015 TIGER Capital grant that focuses on implementing improvements to the Dixie Highway Corridor outlined in the community-driven Dixie Highway Corridor Master Plan.

From 2011-2013, our Center worked with the Louisville Metro Department of Innovation and Growth on a USEPA Brownfield assessment grant that focused on envisioning improvements to the 18th Street (Dixie Highway) Corridor from Broadway to Algonquin Parkway. Resident and stakeholders identified the lack of or deteriorated state of sidewalks, poorly designated or missing crosswalks, lack of designated bicycle lanes, and the exclusion of streetscape amenities (benches, transit shelters, bicycle racks, trash receptacles, etc.) all along the corridor. This dense residential population also needs reliable public transportation to access jobs developing south of their neighborhoods along the southern section of the Dixie Highway Corridor.

We believe that this TIGER grant with its focus on improving ITS/Technology, instituting complete street design, and offering Bus Rapid Transit, would be a means to achieve some of the recommendations for improving this section of Dixie Highway, and thus contribute to economic development efforts to attract new business and industry, as well as revitalize current businesses, in the corridor. It will also serve to better connect a population in need of employment opportunities to new centers of job growth.

Sincerely,



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RE: Louisville Metro Government Dixie Highway 2015 TIGER Grant Application

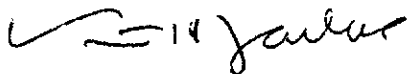
Dear Secretary Foxx:

The Southwest Dream Team strongly supports Louisville Metro Government's application for the Department of Transportation's 2015 TIGER Capital grant for the transformation of Dixie Highway into a pleasant and safe multi-modal corridor. Since our start in 2008, we have brought together business and civic leaders in Southwest Louisville to raise community expectations and promote the wonderful attributes of Southwest Louisville. Dixie Highway is the main gateway to destinations in Southwest Louisville and a critical corridor to connect all those who live, work, or visit the area.

The transformation of Dixie Highway as proposed in this application will generate opportunities for economic investment, support the local businesses along the corridor, and provide safe, convenient, and cost effective transportation options for residents who live and work in Southwest Louisville. It strongly supports our mission to attract more quality businesses and employers, retain and attract educated and skilled workers to the area, and improve the quality of life for all in the area.

I encourage the U.S. Department of Transportation's full support of the Dixie Highway 2015 TIGER Grant Application.

Sincerely,



Vince Jarboe
Southwest Dream Team, President