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August 2, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
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Secretary LaHood,

Thank you for your consideration of the Commonwealth of Kentucky's TIGER II grant application to complete SIU5 of I-69—operational and safety upgrades to the Pennyriple and Western Kentucky parkways.

Kentucky's governor and legislature recently approved more than \$50 million for upgrades along the state's 170-mile stretch of parkways to become I-69. This strong show of state support would be greatly leveraged with a TIGER II grant.

Kentucky completed its system of fully-controlled access, four-lane parkways years ago with nominal federal funding. State residents and businesses paid for their construction with tolls. Upgrading the Pennyriple and Western Kentucky parkways for I-69 maximizes the use of the existing system at a fraction of the cost of building an all-new "green space" highway and at a substantial savings to tax payers. The U.S. DOT has the opportunity to put SIU5 "over the top" and complete half of the total mileage of I-69 in Kentucky.

Kentucky's Transportation Cabinet has shown a large commitment to I-69 with the hiring of a full-time project manager and state funding and is ready to move quickly to upgrade SIU5 with a positive review of its TIGER II application.

Thank you,

Reid Haire  
Daviess County Judge/Executive

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**JAMES R. TOWNSEND**  
*Webster County Judge Executive*

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July 28, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
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Secretary LaHood,

I write this letter today on behalf of Webster County Fiscal Court to support the Commonwealth of Kentucky's application for TIGER II grant funding for the development of Interstate 69 in western Kentucky.

I-69 is a multi-state corridor that promises significant economic development in seven states. Unlike other states, the majority of I-69 will follow existing four-lane fully controlled access parkways. SIU5 consists of approximately 75 miles of upgrades to the Pennyryle and Western Kentucky Parkways and would maximize the use of the existing system. This will save tax payers hundreds of millions of dollars. The funds requested in Kentucky's TIGER II grant would complete SIU5.

I-69 equates to economic development. Seventeen of the nation's top 25 seaports will be directly connected to Interstate 69. Fifteen of the nation's top 25 air cargo airports will be directly accessible to I-69. Studies show I-69 will return \$1.63 for every dollar invested. From Houston to Indianapolis, I-69 will create 27,000 jobs, add \$11 billion in wages and produce \$19 billion in value added through 2025. Additionally, there are more than 10.5 million people living below the poverty level in the seven I-69 states.

Thank you for your consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II grant application for SIU5 of Interstate 69. Webster County Fiscal Court is excited by the prospect of seeing such a large section of this vital project be open in the next few years.

Sincerely,



James R. Townsend  
Webster County Judge/Executive

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August 9, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
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Secretary LaHood,

I write this letter today on behalf of the Hancock County Fiscal Court to support the Commonwealth of Kentucky's application for TIGER II grant funding for the development of Interstate 69 in western Kentucky.

I-69 is a multi-state corridor that promises significant economic development in seven states. Unlike other states, the majority of I-69 will follow existing four-lane fully controlled access parkways. SIU5 consists of approximately 75 miles of upgrades to the Pennyryle and Western Kentucky Parkways and would maximize the use of the existing system. This will save tax payers hundreds of millions of dollars. The funds requested in Kentucky's TIGER II grant would complete SIU5.

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Thank you for your consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II grant application for SIU5 of Interstate 69. The Hancock County Fiscal Court is excited by the prospect of seeing such a large section of this vital project be open in the next few years.

Sincerely,

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Jack B. McCaslin  
Hancock County Judge/Executive

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*David Jones*

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August 3, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood  
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Secretary LaHood,

I write this letter today on behalf of the Ohio County Fiscal Court to support the Commonwealth of Kentucky's application for TIGER II grant funding for the development of Interstate 69 in western Kentucky.

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Thank you for your consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II grant application for SIU5 of Interstate 69. The Ohio County Fiscal Court is excited by the prospect of seeing such a large section of this vital project be open in the next few years.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David Jones".

David Jones  
Ohio County Judge Executive

DJ/cm

cc: Governor Steve Beshear  
Senator Mitch McConnell  
Congressman Ed Whitfield





**McLean County**

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**Office of the Judge/Executive**

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August 9, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
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Governor Beshear and Kentucky legislature recently approved more than \$50 million for upgrades along the state's 170-mile stretch of parkways to become I-69. This strong show of state support would be greatly leveraged with a TIGER II grant.

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Kentucky's Transportation Cabinet has shown a large commitment to I-69 with the hiring of a full-time project manager and state funding and is ready to move quickly to upgrade SIU5 with a positive review of TIGER II application.

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Furthermore, McLean County Fiscal Court recognizes the benefit of I-69 as the roadway will serve the regional Four Star industrial park as well as an exit into McLean County via KY Hwy. 56.

Respectfully,



Larry B. Whitaker  
McLean County Judge Executive

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*David Gallagher*  
*County Judge / Executive*

## **FULTON COUNTY, KENTUCKY**

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July 20, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
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Secretary LaHood,

On behalf of the Fulton County Fiscal Court, I urge your support of the Commonwealth of Kentucky's application for TIGER II grant funding for upgrading the parkways along the Segment of Independent Utility 5 (SIU5) of Interstate 69.

We are fortunate to have Kentucky's vast parkway system, which allows the existing system to be maximized with safety and operational improvements to become I-69. Upgrading the Western Kentucky and Pennyrile parkways is a logical way to complete the 75-mile SIU5 from Henderson to Eddyville, Kentucky. Much of this corridor passes through rural and economically depressed communities that need the benefits that Interstates bring.

The Kentucky legislature recently committed more than \$50 million over the next two years to move forward eight projects along the corridor.

Thank you for your consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II grant application for SIU5 of Interstate 69. The Fiscal Court and I are excited by the prospect of seeing such a large section of this vital project be open in the next few years. The impact on our area will significant. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

David Gallagher  
Fulton County Judge/Executive

DG/ng

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Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
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Secretary LaHood,

We urge your support of the Commonwealth of Kentucky's application for TIGER II grant money to further the opening of a large section of Interstate 69 in western Kentucky.

We are fortunate that Kentucky built an extensive system of four-lane, limited access parkways in the 1960s and 1970s. Much of the Purchase, Western Kentucky and Pennyriple parkways will be upgraded to become I-69. SIU5 covers approximately 75 miles and could take significant steps to being officially "shielded" with a positive result from the TIGER II grant.

Upgrading Kentucky's parkways is a bargain for the U.S. DOT. They were built with very little federal money and are part of the federal highway system. A small investment from the TIGER II grant would allow for the necessary safety and operational improvements to open the entire SIU5. This maximizing of the existing system represents a significant savings for tax payers.

I-69 has significant state support. The Kentucky legislature's recently approved road plan includes eight projects to further its development.

Henderson County thanks you for the U.S. DOT's full consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II application for Interstate 69.



Sincerely,  
Members of the Henderson County Fiscal Court

  
Sandy Watkins, Judge-executive

  
Carter Wilkerson, Magistrate

  
Charles Alexander, Magistrate

Bruce Todd, Magistrate

  
  
Ray Lager, Magistrate

  
Hugh McCormick, Magistrate



# Union County Judge/Executive

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*Jody Jenkins*  
Judge/Executive



July 22, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
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Secretary LaHood,

This letter is written on behalf of Union County to express our support of funding for Interstate 69 development in general and in particular for Kentucky's TIGER II grant application for upgrading the parkways along Segment of Independent Utility 5.

We are indeed fortunate to have Kentucky's vast parkway system which allows the existing system to be maximized with safety and operational improvements to become I-69. Upgrading the Western Kentucky and Pennyrile parkways is a logical way to complete the 75-mile SIU5 from Henderson to Eddyville, Kentucky. A scoping study is currently underway on SIU6 which will consist of upgrades to the Purchase Parkway.

SIU5 is an ideal candidate for the "rural" funding portion of the TIGER II grant program. Much of the corridor through western Kentucky consists of economically depressed communities that need the benefits that Interstates bring. Indeed, Kentucky is centrally located along the entire seven-state I-69 corridor. The route will enhance the intermodal regional possibilities that include several major river ports and airports. On a national level, I-69 means economic development:

- Seventeen of the nation's top 25 seaports will be directly connected to Interstate 69.
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- Studies show I-69 will return \$1.63 for every dollar invested.
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- There are more than 10.5 million people living below the poverty level in the seven I-69 states.

Your attention to Kentucky's I-69 TIGER II grants is appreciated.

Thank you,

*Jody L. Jenkins*

Jody Jenkins  
Union County Judge Executive

Cc: Governor Steve Beshear  
Senator Mitch McConnell  
Congressman Ed Whitfield



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**JUDGE EXECUTIVE**  
**Donald E. Carroll**

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July 9, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
Washington DC 20590-0001

Secretary LaHood:

I write this letter on behalf of my company to express our support of funding for Interstate 69 development in general and in particular for Kentucky's TIGER II grant application for upgrading the parkways along Segment of Independent Utility 5.

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Your attention to Kentucky's I-69 TIGER II grants is appreciated. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thank you,

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Donald E. Carroll  
Hopkins County Judge Executive

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## Rick Newman

*Muhlenberg County Judge Executive*

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July 21, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood  
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Dear Secretary LaHood:

I urge your support of the Commonwealth of Kentucky's application for TIGER II grant money to further the opening of a large section of Interstate 69 in western Kentucky.

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I-69 has significant state support. The Kentucky legislature's recently approved road plan includes eight projects to further its development.

Our county thanks you for the U.S. DOT's full consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II application for Interstate 69.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rick Newman".

Rick Newman  
Muhlenberg County Judge Executive

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