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August 18, 2010

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

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I am pleased to write you in support of the National Interstate 69 Complete Section of Independent Utility (SIU) 5 Corridor project that seeks funding under the TIGER II Discretionary Grant Program. The Commonwealth of Kentucky is honored to take the lead in the effort to secure grant funding for this project.

This project will convert the existing fully controlled facility to Interstate 69 and complete the entire 80 mile SIU 5 segment plus minor design exceptions and variances. This segment 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 would directly benefit from the economic growth and opportunity an interstate highway system brings. By using these existing roadways, it will save taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars and result in project completion years ahead of the typical construction timeframe for a project of this magnitude.

I hope you share my enthusiasm for the upgrades to the Section of Independent Utility 5 of I-69 project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steven L. Beshear".

Steven L. Beshear



## TRANSPORTATION CABINET

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**Steven L. Beshear**  
Governor

**Michael W. Hancock, P.E.**  
Secretary

August 23, 2010

The Honorable Ray H. LaHood  
Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590-0001

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I wish to state my support for funding a portion of Interstate 69 along our existing parkways. The Ford and Breathitt Parkways meet AASHTO interstate guidelines for most of the design elements. Many of the deficiencies could be considered acceptable under the principle of design flexibility allowed by AASHTO.

Kentucky understands the importance of completing National I-69. With increased trade in both Canada and Mexico, I-69 is a key corridor for national freight movement and enhancing U.S. global competitiveness. Improvements planned for the Panama Canal will increase north-south travel demands along the I-69 Corridor in a few short years.

The TIGER II Grant represents a great opportunity to move I-69 forward in Kentucky. Our General Assembly recently passed a Highway Plan that programmed \$51 million for I-69 Corridor projects in Kentucky. Of that, \$24 million is programmed for safety and operational improvements along the Ford and Breathitt Parkways that will allow future conversion to I-69.

Federal funding to complete I-69 in Kentucky is desperately needed. If funding should be awarded to complete Section of Independent Utility 5 on National I-69, it would be a national asset and of enormous benefit to all communities from Henderson to Eddyville in providing new jobs, preserving jobs, and providing growth opportunities for the future.

I hope you share my enthusiasm for the upgrades to the Section of Independent Utility 5 of I-69 project and this application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael W. Hancock".

Michael W. Hancock, P.E.  
Secretary



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July 21, 2010

The Honorable Ray LaHood  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
Office of the Secretary  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590-0001

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I write to express my support for the TIGER II grant application submitted by the Commonwealth of Kentucky, to update and improve existing parkways in western Kentucky for the eventual path of U.S. Interstate 69 (I-69).

As you may know, portions of Kentucky's vast parkway system will be maximized to become the expanded I-69, a vital north-south transportation corridor connecting major river ports and airports through seven states from the Canadian to the Mexican borders.

Improving western Kentucky's existing parkways will move the I-69 project closer to completion, resulting in marked commercial, operational, and safety improvements for the commonwealth and the nation. Additionally, the completion of these improvements to the eventual I-69 corridor has the potential to improve many economically disadvantaged communities throughout the western Kentucky region.

I hope you will realize the importance of this project to Kentucky and give full and fair consideration to the application.

Sincerely,



MITCH McCONNELL  
UNITED STATES SENATOR

MM/al

WENDELL H. FORD

UNITED STATES SENATE

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July 28, 2010

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

Secretary LaHood,

I ask you to strongly consider Kentucky's application for the TIGER II grant program to complete SIU5 of Interstate 69.

Kentucky's legislature recently committed more than \$50 million over the next two years to move forward eight projects along the corridor – all on existing parkways. KYTC's application for TIGER II funding would allow for the opening of about 75 miles, about half of the total mileage through the Commonwealth.

Kentucky's parkways are already part of the federal highway system, and making operational and safety improvements to upgrade them to I-69 status represents a major saving for tax payers.

One of those things we always look for, Ray, is more miles for less money and this is it.

Thank you for your consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II application for Interstate 69.

Sincerely,



Senator Wendell H. Ford

Copy: Governor Steve Beshear

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Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-1701

July 21, 2010

The Honorable Ray Lahood  
Secretary  
Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Lahood:

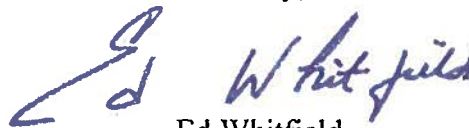
I am writing in strong support of the Commonwealth of Kentucky's TIGER II grant application to complete SIU5 of Interstate 69—operational and safety upgrades to the Pennyriple and Western Kentucky parkways.

I-69 runs exclusively in my Congressional District in Kentucky and is a vital missing piece in moving goods from the northern United States to the south. 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 taxpayers. 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.

I-69 will be a huge economic boost for Kentucky. Seventeen of the nation's top 25 seaports will be directly connected to I-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.

I am pleased that the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet has submitted this application and has hired a full-time project manager for the interstate. It is my understanding that state funding is ready to move quickly to upgrade SIU5 with a positive review of its TIGER II application. Therefore, I strongly support this application and ask for your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,



Ed Whitfield  
Member of Congress

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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**

July 26, 2010

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


Dear Secretary LaHood:

I am writing to you in support of the application submitted by the Commonwealth of Kentucky for funding assistance through the TIGER II Grant Program to complete SIU5 of Interstate 69. Because this project will greatly enhance the lives of my constituents, I am extremely interested in this effort.

According to the information I have received, Kentucky's legislature recently committed more than \$50 million over the next two years to move forward eight projects along the corridor-all on existing parkways. KYTC's application for TIGER II funding would allow for the opening of about 75 miles, about half of the total mileage through the Commonwealth. Kentucky's parkways are already part of the federal highway system, and making operational and safety improvements to upgrade them I-69 status represents a major savings for tax payers.

I am asking for your full and fair consideration, within applicable laws and regulations, of this request. If I can provide you with any additional information, please contact Brian Smith, my Director of Economic Development at 270-438-6599 or [brian.smith2@mail.house.gov](mailto:brian.smith2@mail.house.gov). You may forward your reply to my Hardin County office located at 411 W. Lincoln Trail Boulevard, Radcliff, Kentucky, 40106. Thank you in advance for your kind assistance.

Sincerely,



BRETT GUTHRIE  
Member of Congress

BG/bds

# Commonwealth of Kentucky

## STATE SENATE

STATE SENATOR  
DISTRICT 4  
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**J. DORSEY RIDLEY**

August 2, 2010

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

Secretary LaHood,

I encourage you to strongly consider Kentucky's application for the TIGER II grant program to complete SIU5 of Interstate 69.

Kentucky's legislature recently committed more than \$50 million over the next two years to move forward eight projects along the corridor—all on existing parkways. KYTC's application for TIGER II funding would allow for the opening of about 75 miles, about half of the total mileage through the Commonwealth.

Kentucky's parkways are already part of the federal highway system, and making operational and safety improvements to upgrade them I-69 status represents a major savings for tax payers.

Thank you for full consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II application for Interstate 69.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J. Dorsey Ridley".

J. Dorsey Ridley  
Kentucky State Senate

cc: Governor Steve Beshear  
Senator Mitch McConnell  
Congressman Ed Whitfield

# Commonwealth of Kentucky

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August 10, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood  
United States Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590-0001

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I encourage you to strongly consider Kentucky's application for the TIGER II grant program to complete SIU5 of Interstate 69.

The Kentucky General Assembly, where I represent Daviess, Hopkins, McLean, and Webster Counties, recently committed more than \$50 million over the next two years to move forward eight projects along the corridor—all on existing parkways. KYTC's application for TIGER II funding would allow for the opening of about 75 miles, about half of the total mileage through the Commonwealth.

Kentucky's parkways are already part of the federal highway system, and making operational and safety improvements to upgrade Interstate 69 status represents a major savings for taxpayers.

Thank you for your full consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II application for Interstate 69.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jim Gooch, Jr.", written over a blue circular stamp.

Jim Gooch, Jr.  
State Representative

JG/mcb

cc: The Honorable Steve Beshear  
Senator Mitch McConnell  
Congressman Ed Whitfield



# Commonwealth of Kentucky

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**STEVEN RUDY**  
STATE REPRESENTATIVE



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

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.

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.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steven J. Rudy".

Steven Rudy  
State Representative

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# Commonwealth of Kentucky

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**DAVID A. WATKINS, M.D.**

August 2, 2010

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

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I write to strongly encourage your consideration of Kentucky's application for TIGER II grant program monies to complete SIU5 of Interstate 69 - operational and safety upgrades to the Pennyriple and Western Kentucky Parkways. Kentucky's legislature recently committed more than \$50 million for the next two years to advance eight projects along the corridor, all on existing parkways. The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's application for TIGER II funds would enable the opening of approximately 75 miles, which constitutes about half of the total mileage of I-69 through the Commonwealth.

Kentucky's parkways are already part of the federal highway system, and upgrading the Pennyriple and Western Kentucky Parkways for I-69 maximizes the use of our existing system at a fraction of the cost of building an all-new highway, at a substantial savings to taxpayers. Your attention to Kentucky's I-69 TIGER II grant application will be sincerely appreciated.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I can be reached in Frankfort by telephone at (502) 564-8100, Extension 700; in Henderson at (270) 926-0952; or by email at [david.watkins@lrc.ky.gov](mailto:david.watkins@lrc.ky.gov). Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David A. Watkins".

David A. Watkins, M. D.  
State Representative

DW:km

cc: Governor Steve Beshear  
Senator Mitch McConnell  
Congressman Ed Whitfield



## KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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### Representative Dwight D. Butler 18th Legislative District

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July 28, 2010

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

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I strongly urge you to consider Kentucky's application for the TIGER II grant program to complete SIU5 of Interstate 69.

As a Kentucky State Representative, I supported the recent legislature's commitment for more than \$50 million over the next two years to move forward eight projects along the corridor—all are existing parkways. The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's (KYTC) application for TIGER II funding would allow for the opening of about 75 miles, or about half of the total mileage through the Commonwealth.

Kentucky's parkways are already part of the federal highway system, and making operational and safety improvements to upgrade them to I-69 status would represent a major savings for tax payers.

Thank you for your consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II application for Interstate 69.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dwight Butler".

Dwight Butler  
State Representative

Ccs: Governor Steve Beshear  
Senator Mitch McConnell  
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August 2, 2010

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

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  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
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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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Senator Mitch McConnell  
Congressman Ed Whitfield

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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 Pennyriple 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jack B. McCaslin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jack B. McCaslin  
Hancock County Judge/Executive

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Senator Mitch McConnell  
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*David Jones*

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August 3, 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 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.

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 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,

David Jones  
Ohio County Judge Executive

DJ/cm

cc: Governor Steve Beshear  
Senator Mitch McConnell  
Congressman Ed Whitfield





**McLean County**

**Established 1854**

**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  
Washington DC 20590-0001

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.

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.

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 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.

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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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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  
Washington DC 20590-0001

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:

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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





# HOPKINS COUNTY FISCAL COURT

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**  
**Kim Blue**

July 9, 2010

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

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Thank you,

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Donald E. Carroll  
Hopkins County Judge Executive

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*Muhlenberg County Judge Executive*

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July 21, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE  
Washington, DC 20490-0001

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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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Congressman Ed Whitfield



## CITY OF MADISONVILLE

William M. Cox, Jr.  
Mayor

July 13, 2010

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

Dear Secretary LaHood,

On behalf of the City of Madisonville, I write this letter 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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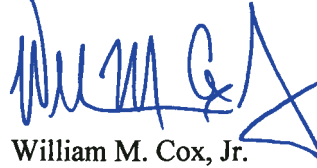
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Sincerely,

**CITY OF MADISONVILLE**

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William M. Cox, Jr.  
Mayor

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Congressman Ed Whitfield

# CITY OF FULTON

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July 15, 2010

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

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Thank you for your consideration.

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Dan Voegeli  
Mayor

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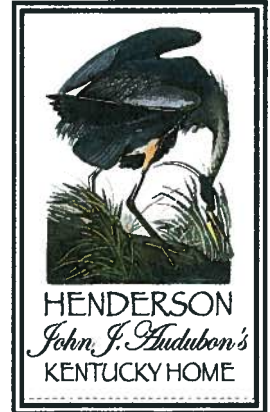


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# The City of Henderson

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Joseph E. Ternes, Jr., City Attorney  
Carolyn Williams, City Clerk

July 27, 2010

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

The City of Henderson encourages you to strongly consider Kentucky's application for the TIGER II grant program to complete SIU5 of Interstate 69.

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Kentucky's parkways are already part of the federal highway system, and making operational and safety improvements to upgrade them to I-69 status represents a major savings for tax payers.

Thank you for full consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II application for Interstate 69.  
Sincerely,

Members of the Henderson City Commission

Thomas E. Davis, Mayor

Mike Farmer, Commissioner

Robert N. Pruitt, Commissioner

Robert M. Mills, Commissioner

Jim White, Commissioner

c: Governor Steve Beshear  
Senator Mitch McConnell  
Congressman Ed Whitfield





# City of Central City

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August 10, 2010

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

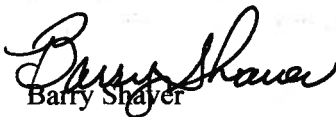
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Our company/organization thanks you for the U.S. DOT's full consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II application for Interstate 69.

Sincerely,

  
Barry Shaver  
Mayor

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July 19, 2010

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

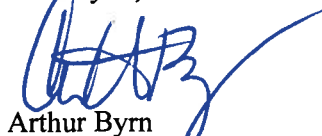
On behalf of the Purchase Area Development District Board of Director's I would like to say thank you for your consideration of the Commonwealth of Kentucky's TIGER II grant application to complete Segment of Independent Utility 5 of I-69.

Kentucky's General Assembly recently committed more than \$50 million over the next two years to move forward eight projects along the corridor—all on existing parkways. 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.

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Thank you,



Arthur Byrn  
Board Chairman

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July 8, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
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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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Our company/organization thanks you for the U.S. DOT's full consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II application for Interstate 69.

Sincerely,

W. Craig Morris  
Regional Planner

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July 20, 2010

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

Dear Secretary LaHood:

The Green River Area Development District supports the Commonwealth of Kentucky's application for TIGER II grant funding for the development of Interstate 69.

I-69 will run directly through Henderson and Webster counties in GRADD's seven-county service area. It has been in planning stages for a number of years but has made significant progress in the past 18 months, including the naming of a project manager by KYTC and inclusion of eight projects in the state's new road plan.

Much of the area of Kentucky that will be crossed by I-69, including SIU5 for which the grant is intended, is economically depressed. There is only one Interstate in western Kentucky—I-24—and it reaches only through southwestern Kentucky. Economic data shows that the average per capita income for Kentucky residents who live in counties that have an Interstate highway is one-third higher than for counties that are not served directly by an Interstate. Certainly, the development of I-69 through western Kentucky would have a positive job growth impact for our entire region.

Our neighboring states of Indiana and Tennessee are making rapid progress on their segments of I-69. Indiana, for example, will have 60+ miles of new construction underway by the spring of 2011. Kentucky is fortunate to have its parkways available for upgrading to become I-69. The Western Kentucky and Pennyriple parkways that comprise SIU5 represent a savings to the U.S. government and ultimately tax payers for their upgrading to I-69.

Thank you for your consideration of Kentucky's I-69 TIGER II grant application. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Jiten S. Shah  
Executive Director

Bill Markwell, *Chairman* ■ Mary Pate, *Vice Chairperson* ■ Jody Jenkins, *Secretary* ■ Bill Parrish, *Treasurer* ■ Jiten Shah, *Executive Director*

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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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Subject: TIGER II application for I-69 in Kentucky

I am writing to encourage your favorable consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II grant application for the completion of operational and safety upgrades to the SIU-5 of I-69 through Western Kentucky.

This section of I-69 travels along the existing Pennyryle and Western Kentucky Parkways constructed primarily with funds provided by Bonds issued by the state of Kentucky. The Bonds were paid by users of these highways through tolls. These existing highways are fully controlled and fully integrated from near the Ohio River on the north to I-24 at the south end of SIU-5. The Kentucky Legislature and Governor have approved more than \$50 million for upgrades to the entire 170 mile section of I-69 through Kentucky.

Kentucky's Legislature, Governor and Transportation Cabinet have shown a commitment to improving the SIU-5 section of I-69 and can begin the improvements quickly with the approval of the TIGER II application. I-69 will provide economic development to rural Western Kentucky, resulting in jobs for our citizens and tax revenue at the local, state and national levels. Using these existing roadways will save tens of millions of dollars over the construction of a new interstate highway through and across Western Kentucky.

For the above reasons, I encourage your approval of the TIGER II application for SIU-5 of I-69 in Western Kentucky.

Respectfully submitted,

William M. Corum, Chairman  
SIU-5 Committee for I-69  
Madisonville- Hopkins County  
Economic Development Corp.



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July 20, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood  
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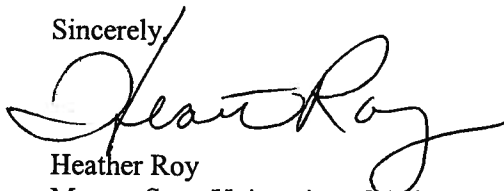
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Murray State University thanks you for the U.S. DOT's full consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II application for Interstate 69.

Sincerely,



Heather Roy  
Murray State University – Madisonville Campus Director

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Senator Mitch McConnell  
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**Markos Family Grill  
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July 31, 2010

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

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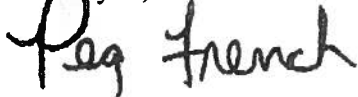
The restaurant business and our suppliers would greatly benefit from the economic development that I-69 promises to create.

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Thank you,



Peg French  
Owner

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Congressman Ed Whitfield



July 8, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood  
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Thank you for full consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II application for Interstate 69.

Sincerely,

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Allen Rudd  
Trover Board of Directors

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July 8, 2010

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The I-69 project equates to economic development. Education supports workforce and economic development. Madisonville Community College thanks you for the U.S. DOT's full consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II application for Interstate 69.

Sincerely,

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Cris Crowley  
Adult Education Director  
Hopkins and Muhlenberg Counties  
Madisonville Community College

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July 29, 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,

Darren Whitesides  
Owner, Darren's Pub

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July 8, 2010

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

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.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Heather Roy", is written over the word "Sincerely,". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, looping initial "H".

Heather Roy  
Trover Board of Directors

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July 31, 2010

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Secretary LaHood,

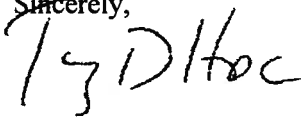
I write this letter today on behalf of Chi Rho Health & Wellness to support the Commonwealth of Kentucky's application for TIGER II grant funding for the development of Interstate 69 in western Kentucky.

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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. Chi Rho Health & Wellness is excited by the prospect of seeing such a large section of this vital project be open in the next few years.

Sincerely,



Terry Harmon, DC  
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July 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 Arbuckle Insurance 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. Arbuckle Insurance is excited at the prospect of seeing such a large section of this vital project be open in the next few years.

Sincerely,

  
Brenda J. Ellison  
President

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July 28, 2010

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

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.

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.

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

Sincerely,

C.E. "Butch" Branson  
President  
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July 12, 2010

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

Dear Secretary LaHood,

Thank you for your consideration of the Commonwealth of Kentucky's TIGER II grant application to complete SIU5 of I-69. The grant will provide operational and safety upgrades to the Pennyriple and Western Kentucky parkways here in Western Kentucky. Governor Steve Beshear and the Kentucky legislature recently approved more than \$50,000,000 of taxpayer money to be spent for upgrades along the state's 170-mile stretch of Kentucky 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 many years ago with minimal federal support. 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 the taxpayer. The US DOT has the opportunity to put SIU5 "over the top" and complete half of the total mileage of I-69 in Kentucky. 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 interstate highways bring.

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

Thank you.

Sincerely,

RUDD INSURANCE, INC.



Allen Rudd

cc: Governor Steve Beshear  
Senator Mitch McConnell  
Representative Ed Whitfield

July 31, 2010

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

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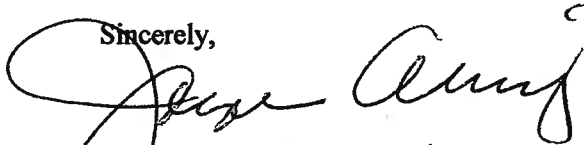
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I-69 has significant state support. The Kentucky legislature's recently approved road plan includes eight projects to further its development.

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

Sincerely,



Name

Title

*Jesse A. King*  
*Owner, Sister's Restaurant*

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July 12, 2010

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


I encourage you to strongly consider Kentucky's application for the TIGER II grant program to complete SIU5 of Interstate 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 3 of Kentucky's parkways (Purchase, Western Kentucky and Pennyriple) is a bargain for the U.S. Department of Transportation. Kentucky has been fortunate enough to have an extensive system of four-lane, limited access parkways for the past 40 years. They were built with very little federal money and are already 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. Kentucky's legislature recently committed more than \$50 million over the next two years to move forward eight projects along the corridor—all on existing parkways. KYTC's application for TIGER II funding would allow for the opening of about 75 miles.

MultiCare thanks you for the U.S. Department of Transportation's full consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II application for Interstate 69.

Sincerely,

  
JAT Mountjoy, MHA  
Practice Administrator  
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Agency Manager

July 20, 2010

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

Dear Secretary LaHood,

As a business professional and citizen of Madisonville/Hopkins County, I am writing this letter as a resident, a small business owner, and a community advocate to express the support of funding for the Interstate 69 development. In particular, we support Kentucky's TIGER II grant application for upgrading the Western Kentucky and Pennyrile Parkway's also known as SIU5.

Kentucky completed its system of fully-controlled, four-lane parkways years ago with nominal federal funding. The construction was paid primarily by State residents and businesses by paying tolls. We are fortunate to have this vast parkway system, which when upgraded, would maximize the use of our existing parkway systems and would cost a fraction of what it would be to build an all new "green space" highway. This would prove to be a substantial savings for our tax payers.

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 areas that have great economic potential and are in need of benefits that Interstates bring. Kentucky is centrally located along the entire seven-state I-69 corridor and would enhance the intermodal regional possibilities that include several major river ports and airports.

Kentucky's Transportation Cabinet has shown a large commitment to I-69 with state funding and the hiring of a full-time project manager. Our state is ready to move quickly to upgrade SIU5 with a positive review of its TIGER II application. Your attention to Kentucky's TIGER II grant application is greatly appreciated. Please feel free to contact me with any questions. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely

Jarrett N. Brown, Agency Manager  
Kentucky Farm Bureau

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July 19, 2010

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

I am writing this letter on behalf of my community and as an involved member of my local Chamber of Commerce. I would like to express my support for funding for Interstate 69 development in general and in particular Kentucky's TIGER II grant application for upgrades to the Pennyriple and Western Kentucky Parkways. These upgrades are necessary along the Segment of Independent Utility 5.

We are fortunate to have an existing parkway system which could be maximized with these safety and operational improvements to become I-69. Upgrades to the Western Kentucky and Pennyriple Parkways are an efficient way to complete the 75 mile SIU5 from Henderson to Eddyville, Kentucky. A study is currently underway on SIU6 which will consist of upgrades to the Purchase Parkway.

The 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 would benefit greatly from the traffic and commerce the interstates could bring. Kentucky is centrally located along the entire seven-state I-69 corridor. The route will enhance the inter-modal regional possibilities that include several major river ports and airports. On a national level, I-69 means economic development:

- 17 of the nation's top 25 seaports will be directly connected to I-69
- 15 of the nation's top 25 air cargo ports will be connected to I-69
- Studies show a potential return of \$1.63 for every dollar invested to I-69.
- From Indianapolis to Houston, I-69 will create over 25,000 jobs, add \$11 billion in wages and produce \$19 billion in value added through 2025. In these economic times, that is huge for any community, but for a rural economically depressed area that is even more substantial.

Kentucky's Transportation Cabinet has shown their commitment to I-69, with some road upgrades, additional state funds, and hiring of a full-time project manager and is ready to move quickly to upgrade SIU5 with a positive review of its TIGER II application. Your attention to and support of our grant is greatly appreciated.

Thank you,  
Mary Ann King  
Executive Director--Hopkins County Community Clinic  
Executive Committee-Madisonville Hopkins County Chamber of Commerce

CC: Governor Steve Beshear  
Senator Mitch McConnell  
Congressman Ed Whitfield



July 8, 2010

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

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Thank you,

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Barry Hardison, M.D.  
Trover Board of Directors

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July 15, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
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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 company/organization thanks you for the U.S. DOT's full consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II application for Interstate 69.

Sincerely,

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Tim Britt, Agent

State Farm Insurance

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Senator Mitch McConnell  
Congressman Ed Whitfield



July 8, 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 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.

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:

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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. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David J. Lang". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

David J. Lang  
Vice President, Chief Human Resources Officer

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Senator Mitch McConnell  
Congressman Ed Whitfield



July 9, 2010

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

I encourage you to strongly consider Kentucky's application for the TIGER II grant program to complete SIU5 of Interstate 69.

Kentucky's legislature recently committed more than \$50 million over the next two years to move forward eight projects along the corridor—all on existing parkways. KYTC's application for TIGER II funding would allow for the opening of about 75 miles, about half of the total mileage through the Commonwealth.

Kentucky's parkways are already part of the federal highway system, and making operational and safety improvements to upgrade them I-69 status represents a major savings for tax payers.

Thank you for full consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II application for Interstate 69.

Sincerely,

Melissa Recke

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July 31, 2010

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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.

The oil and gas industry and our suppliers will greatly benefit from the economic development that I-69 promises to create.

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.

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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 its TIGER II application.

Thank you,



Larry Carmon  
Owner

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July 8, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood  
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Thank you,

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E. Berton Whitaker  
President and CEO

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August 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 today on behalf of United Community Bank 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 Pennyriple 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. United Community Bank is excited by the prospect of seeing such a large section of this vital project be open in the next few years.

Sincerely,

Tammy Belt  
SVP  
United Community Bank  
tbelt@ucbwest.com

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Senator Mitch McConnell  
Congressman Ed Whitfield

Linda Q. Zellich  
Deputy Superintendent



July 16, 2010

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

Secretary LaHood:

I am writing on behalf of the Hopkins County School System and the future of the district's seven thousand students to support the Commonwealth of Kentucky's application for TIGER II grant funding for the development of Interstate 69 in western Kentucky.

Interstate 69's multistate corridor offers the hope of significant economic development in numerous states. Kentucky, like many of the other states is hungry for economic development. The utilization of existing four-lane fully controlled access parkways, SIU5 consists of approximately seventy five miles of upgrades to the Pennyriple and Western Kentucky Parkways and would maximize the use of the existing system. This choice will save the tax payer hundreds of millions of dollars. The funds requested in Kentucky's TIGER II grant would complete SIU5.

Interstate 69 will bring economic development and recovery to many states that are desperate for some positive economic news. Seventeen of the nation's top twenty-five seaports will be directly connected to I-69. Fifteen of the nation's top twenty-five air cargo airports will be directly accessible to I-69. The results of studies indicate that for every invested dollar a return of \$1.63 can be expected. From Houston to Indianapolis, I-69 will create 27, 000 jobs, add eleven billion in wages and produce nineteen billion in value added dollars through 2025. Additionally, there are more than ten million people living below the poverty level in these seven I-69 states. As I mentioned earlier, we need to consider the future of these states and their children.

Thank you for your consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II grant application for SIU5 of Interstate 69. Hopkins County Schools is excited by the impact that this project could have upon our children, their families and our community. We are looking forward to the completion of a portion of this vital project in the next few years.

Sincerely,

Linda Q. Zellich  
Deputy Superintendent

C Governor Steve Beshear  
Senator Mitch McConnell  
Representative Ed Whitfield



July 8, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
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Washington DC 20590-0001

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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 company/organization 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 "Sara M. Spencers". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sara Spencer  
Trover Health System

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Senator Mitch McConnell  
Congressman Ed Whitfield



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July 20, 2010

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

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Kentucky's parkways are already part of the federal highway system, and making operational and safety improvements to upgrade them to I-69 status represents a major savings for tax payers. Projects of this nature not only represent a large tax savings, but add greatly to the infrastructure of the region which in turn will bring businesses and jobs to our area.

Thank you for full consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II application for Interstate 69.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kenneth E. Allen'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Vice President Operations  
Armstrong Coal Company

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July 12, 2010

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

Dear 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.

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 Pennyriple 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.

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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. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thank you,



Kimberly Simons  
Business Administration Program Coordinator

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Senator Mitch McConnell  
Congressman Ed Whitfield







July 16, 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, People Plus, Inc., 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 at 270-825-8939 with any questions.

Thank you,

Amy R. Sanderson  
Vice President

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U.S. Department of Transportation  
Washington, D.C.

Re: TIGER II Grant Program

To Whom It May Concern:

Transportation is the lifeblood of our economy. Our interstate highway system has made our economy stronger and more vibrant over the past 50 years and has proven to be the best investment our country has ever made.

Part of that system is I-69 which has never been completed. The need for the project has never been questioned; it just could not get the political support to move the project to completion. Not only does I-69 provide an important link between Canada and Mexico it provides critical transportation routes between U.S. cities and it provides improved access for our military assets at installations such as Ft. Campbell.

The routing through Western Kentucky will be highly cost effective by using the current parkway system. It will also provide an important economic boost to an area that has suffered economically for the past 20 years.

I urge the I-69 project be a top priority with your Tiger II Grant Program.

Sincerely,

Ron Sanders  
President

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July 8, 2010

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Ursula Dugger  
Trover Health System

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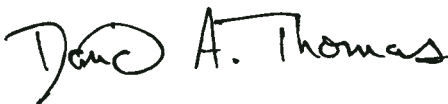
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As a small business owner and resident in an area which would be greatly served by this project, we thank you for the U.S. DOT's full consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II application for Interstate 69.

Sincerely,



David A. Thomas, CFP®  
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July 15, 2010

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

I write this letter on behalf of the Madisonville-Hopkins County Chamber of Commerce to express our support of funding for Interstate 69 development in general and 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.

Sincerely,



Debby Myers

Cc: Governor Steve Beshear  
Senator Mitch McConnell  
Congressman Ed Whitfield



# MADISONVILLE HOPKINS COUNTY Chamber of Commerce

July 7, 2010

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

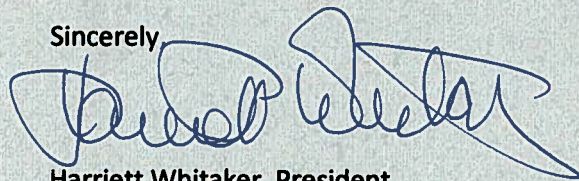
On behalf of the board of directors of the Madisonville-Hopkins County Chamber of Commerce, I write this letter to support the Commonwealth of Kentucky's application for TIGER II grant funding for the development of Interstate 69 in western Kentucky.

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Thank you for your consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II grant application for SIU5 of Interstate 69. Our Chamber and our communities are excited by the prospect of seeing such a large section of this vital project be open in the next few years, so that we can begin to realize the profound impact that this project will have on continued economic development.

Sincerely,



Harriett Whitaker, President

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Congressman Ed Whitfield





## Muhlenberg Community Hospital

P.O. Box 387 • Greenville, Kentucky 42345 • Telephone (270) 338-8000

July 14, 2010

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am the Chief Executive Officer of a 135-bed acute care hospital in Muhlenberg County in western Kentucky. 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. This infrastructure will be very beneficial to my community.

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 Pennyryle 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.

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We at Muhlenberg Community Hospital thank you for the U.S. DOT's full consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II application for Interstate 69.

Sincerely,

Tracy P. Byers, FACHE  
Chief Executive Officer

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*Hopkins County Tourist and Convention Commission*

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July 7, 2010

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

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Kentucky's parkways are already part of the federal highway system, and making operational and safety improvements upgrade them to I-69 status represents a major savings for taxpayers.

Thank you for your full consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II application for Interstate 69.

Sincerely,

Tricia Noel  
Executive Director

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# The Messenger

221 S. Main St.

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July 7, 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.

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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 its TIGER II application.

Thank you,



Rick Welch, Publisher

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Senator Mitch McConnell

Congressman Ed Whitfield

July 31, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
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*Malcolm Neel II CPA*

Malcolm Neel, II, CPA  
Partner

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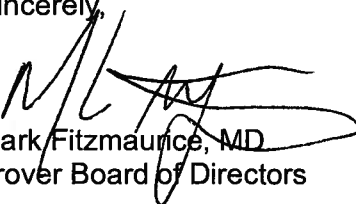
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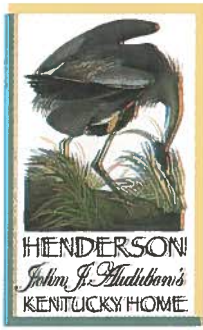
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Sincerely,



Mark Fitzmaurice, MD  
Trover Board of Directors

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# HENDERSON, KY

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## Henderson County Tourist Commission

July 28, 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 the Henderson Country Tourist Commission 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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Thank you,

Marcia Eblen  
Executive Director

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# Huff Integrated Systems, LLC

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August 6, 2010

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

Secretary LaHood,

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Sincerely,

Glenda Huff  
President

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July 29, 2010

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Very truly yours,

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By:

  
H. Linwood Shannon, III  
HLS/dlt

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July 8, 2010

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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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dianne Goodale MD", is written over the typed name.

Dianne Goodale, MD  
Trover Board of Directors

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Senator Mitch McConnell  
Congressman Ed Whitfield

August 5, 2010

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

Secretary LaHood,

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Thank you,



Bonnie Schrock  
Vice President

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***Floyd's Supermarket, Inc.***  
***PO Box 1286***  
***Uniontown, KY 42461***

July 31, 2010

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

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Sincerely,



Charles H. Floyd  
Owner

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*Muhlenberg County Department of Health*

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July 20, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
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Our company/organization thanks you for the U.S. DOT's full consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II application for Interstate 69.

Sincerely,



Betty Hendrix, RN, BSN  
Senior Community Health Educator

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July 8, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood  
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Thank you,

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William Corum  
Trover Board of Directors

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Senator Mitch McConnell  
Congressman Ed Whitfield

July 31, 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 Neel, Crafton, & Phillips, LLP 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. Neel, Crafton, & Phillips, LLP is excited by the prospect of seeing such a large section of this vital project be open in the next few years.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of S. Ryan Phillips in black ink, with the initials 'CPA CVA' written in a smaller font to the right of the signature.

S. Ryan Phillips, CPA, CVA  
Partner

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July 31, 2010

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U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
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Sincerely,



Jerri Floyd  
Owner

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July 31, 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.

I-69 would encourage economic growth in our county. Our small company invests in local commercial and residential real estate. Economic growth would benefit LMP Investors LLC. We could continue constructing and renovating real estate. We could create new jobs and issue new contracts to our local carpenters, plumbers, and electricians.

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Thank you,



Stephen Loxley  
Partner

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July 31, 2010

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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 company/organization thanks you for the U.S. DOT's full consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II application for Interstate 69.

Sincerely,

Name  
Title

*Deborah Whitner*  
*Retired Public School Teacher*

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July 8, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood  
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Secretary LaHood,

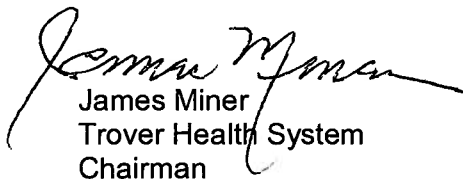
I write this letter today on behalf of Trover Health System to support the Commonwealth of Kentucky's application for TIGER II grant funding for the development of Interstate 69 in western Kentucky.

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Sincerely,

  
James Miner  
Trover Health System  
Chairman

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July 26, 2010

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

Please support 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.

I know many times government doesn't operate in the most efficient ways....but this is truly a bargain for the DOT. KY parkways 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 with a relatively small amount of funding. This represents a significant savings for tax payers.

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THANK YOU for full consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II application for Interstate 69.

Sincerely,

Ty Rideout  
ABBA PROMOTIONS

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Congressman Ed Whitfield



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July 27, 2010

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

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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,



Pamela J. Schneider  
Human Resource Manager

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Senator Mitch McConnell  
Congressman Ed Whitfield



July 9, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
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Thank you.



David L. Richey  
President

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July 31, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood  
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Secretary LaHood,

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

Sincerely,



Name

Title *Pastor, First Baptist Church*

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July 8, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood  
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Our company/organization thanks you for the U.S. DOT's full consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II application for Interstate 69.

Sincerely,

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Mark Eastin, III  
Trover Board of Directors

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July 9, 2010

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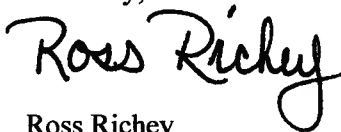
I encourage you to strongly consider Kentucky's application for the TIGER II grant program to complete SIU5 of Interstate 69.

Kentucky's legislature recently committed more than \$50 million over the next two years to move forward eight projects along the corridor—all on existing parkways. KYTC's application for TIGER II funding would allow for the opening of about 75 miles, about half of the total mileage through the Commonwealth.

Kentucky's parkways are already part of the federal highway system, and making operational and safety improvements to upgrade them I-69 status represents a major savings for tax payers.

Thank you for full consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II application for Interstate 69.

Sincerely,



Ross Richey  
President  
Lawton Insurance

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                      Senator Mitch McConnell  
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July 22, 2010

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

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Madisonville Community College thanks you for the U.S. DOT's full consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II application for Interstate 69.

Sincerely,



Judith L. Rhoads, Ed.D.  
President

c: Governor Steve Beshear  
Senator Mitch McConnell  
Congressman Ed Whitfield







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July 12, 2010

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

Secretary LaHood,

It is my honor to write to you on behalf of my community and the Commonwealth of Kentucky. I urge your support of Kentucky's application for TIGER II grant money to further the opening of a large section of Interstate 69 in western Kentucky.

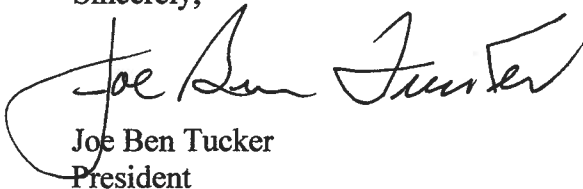
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I-69 is strongly supported in Kentucky. The Kentucky legislature's recently approved road plan includes eight projects to further its development.

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

Sincerely,



Joe Ben Tucker  
President



**UniFirst Corporation**  
2801 UniFirst Drive  
Owensboro, KY 42301  
Phone: 270-683-5250

August 11, 2010

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

Secretary LaHood,

UniFirst Corporation's Owensboro, KY distribution center serves over 225,000 customers across North America. It opened in 1998 and is a flagship facility for our Wilmington, MA-based company. As the central distribution point to service our 202 UniFirst facilities in 40 states, obviously, ground transportation is important to our logistics, and I write this letter to indicate our strong support for the TIGER II grant application to assist with the development of Interstate 69 in Kentucky.

Many business and community leaders in our region have worked hard to promote Interstate 69 and it has gathered strong state support in the past two years. Kentucky's transportation cabinet hired a full-time director in 2009 to oversee the project, and our General Assembly and Governor Steve Beshear recently approved a new state road plan that includes eight separate I-69 projects totaling more than \$50 million over the next two years. Indeed, we have momentum.

It is my understanding that one of three segments I-69 segments through Kentucky could be completed with a favorable TIGER II grant. I'm further told this segment includes more than half of the total route through Kentucky. I urge you to consider this request to move this valuable project forward in a major way. Certainly, business and industry like UniFirst stand to benefit from the increased access to our markets and customers through I-69 access. Upgrading the existing Kentucky four-lane parkways to become I-69 also saves tax dollars.

Thank you for your attention to the KYTC TIGER II grant application for I-69.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Suzanne Northern Blazar".

Suzanne Northern Blazar  
General Manager, Distribution

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Congressman Ed Whitfield



July 8, 2010

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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.

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 Pennyriple 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.

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- 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.
- 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. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thank you,

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Robert Brooks  
Vice President, Education and Research

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Congressman Ed Whitfield



July 8, 2010

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

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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 company/organization thanks you for the U.S. DOT's full consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II application for Interstate 69.

Sincerely,

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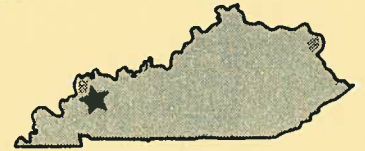
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Vice President, Clinic Operations and Development

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# Chamber Of Commerce

Post Office Box 66  
Morganfield, Kentucky 42437-0066



July 28, 2010

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

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 Pennyryle 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.

The Morganfield Chamber of Commerce is 100 percent in favor of the grant application. Our members remain convinced that the completion of I-69 will be in the best interest of our economic growth.

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 Pennyryle 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,

Tammy Belt  
President  
Morganfield, Kentucky Chamber of Commerce

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July 31, 2010

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

Sincerely,

Name *Robert E. Hatcher Jr.*  
Title *Providence Lions Club Vice President*

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2,200 Acre Industrial Park in Western Kentucky



August 4, 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 on behalf of the Purchase Area Regional Industrial Authority, a 2200 acre industrial park that is a Certified Mega Site. We wish to express our support of funding for Interstate 69 development and for Kentucky's TIGER II grant application.

We are fortunate to have Western Kentucky's parkway system, allowing with improvements the existing system to become I69. Upgrading the Western Kentucky and Pennyriple parkways is a logical way to complete the 75-mile SIU5 from Henderson to Eddyville, Kentucky. Currently there is study underway on SIU6 which would consist of upgrades to the Purchase Parkway.

Funding I69 development in Kentucky will enhance the intermodal regional possibilities that include several major river ports and airports.

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- From Houston to Indianapolis, I69 will create 27,000 jobs, add \$11 billion in wages and produce \$19 billion in value added through 2025.

Thank you for consideration of Kentucky's I-69 TIGER II grant.

Sincerely,

William E. Beasley  
President/CEO

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Congressman Ed Whitfield

William E. Beasley ■ President/CEO



July 8, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood  
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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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Bhaskaran Sreekumar, M.D.  
Trover Board of Directors

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Congressman Ed Whitfield



August 2, 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 Marshall County Chamber of Commerce and its 285 business members, we urge your support of 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 Pennyriple 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. We realize the importance of completing that before we can proceed with SIU 4 which runs down the Purchase Parkway through our county.

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

Sincerely,

Debbie Buchanan  
Executive Administrator

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Senator Mitch McConnell  
Congressman Ed Whitfield

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July 8, 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 Trover Health System 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. [company/organization name] 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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Judith L. Rhoads, Ed.D  
Trover Board of Directors

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July 31, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
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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 company/organization thanks you for the U.S. DOT's full consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II application for Interstate 69.

Sincerely,



Name

Title *Manager State Restaurant*

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1360 US Highway 60W  
Morganfield, KY 42437

July 31, 2010

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

Our suppliers are located in Nashville, TN and St. Louis, MO. I-69 will expedite delivery of our inventory.

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,



Mike Floyd  
Shareholder

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Congressman Ed Whitfield



# BALLARD County CHAMBER of COMMERCE & TOURISM CENTER

August 2, 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 Ballard County Chamber of Commerce 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 Ballard County Chamber of Commerce is excited by the prospect of seeing such a large section of this vital project be open in the next few years.

Sincerely,



Beth Ann Hunt  
Executive Director

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Senator Mitch McConnell  
Congressman Ed Whitfield

July 30, 2010

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

I encourage you to strongly consider Kentucky's application for the TIGER II grant program to complete SIU5 of Interstate 69.

Kentucky's legislature recently committed more than \$50 million over the next two years to move forward eight projects along the corridor—all on existing parkways. KYTC's application for TIGER II funding would allow for the opening of about 75 miles, about half of the total mileage through the Commonwealth.

Kentucky's parkways are already part of the federal highway system, and making operational and safety improvements to upgrade them I-69 status represents a major savings for tax payers.

Thank you for full consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II application for Interstate 69.

Sincerely,

Name  
Title

*W. E. Prew*  
*Prews Prew Trans*

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Congressman Ed Whitfield

**Carlisle County Chamber of Commerce  
PO Box 331  
Bardwell, Kentucky 42023**

August 4, 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 today on behalf of the Carlisle County Chamber of Commerce 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 Carlisle County Chamber of Commerce is excited by the prospect of seeing such a large section of this vital project be open in the next few years.

Sincerely,



Bruce Akin  
President  
Carlisle County  
Chamber of Commerce

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Congressman Ed Whitfield



July 8, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood  
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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 company/organization thanks you for the U.S. DOT's full consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II application for Interstate 69.

Sincerely,

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Stacey Beaven, RN, BSH, MSHA, NA-BC  
Vice President, Nursing

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Congressman Ed Whitfield



**STURGIS INDUSTRIAL PARK, INC.  
D/B/A STURGIS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

July 28, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood  
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Secretary LaHood,

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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.

The Sturgis Chamber of Commerce fully endorses the TIGER II grant application and the Chamber is convinced I-69 will benefit our local and regional economies.

Thank you,



Sandy Arnold  
President  
Sturgis, Kentucky Chamber of Commerce

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**LYON COUNTY ADULT EDUCATION  
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August 2, 2010

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



Natalie Tabor-Peek  
Coordinator, Lyon County Adult Education

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July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
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John Zieba  
State Farm Insurance

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Shawnee View Farms  
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Morganfield, KY 42437

July 31, 2010

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

The farming industry and our suppliers will greatly benefit from the economic development that I-69 promises to create.

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Thank you,



Cathy Steward  
Owner

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July 27, 2010

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

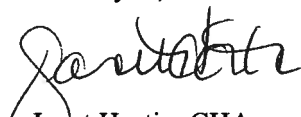
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Thank you,

  
Janet Hortin, CHA  
Regional Manager

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July 8, 2010

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Kentucky's parkways are already part of the federal highway system, and making operational and safety improvements to upgrade them I-69 status represents a major savings for tax payers.

Thank you for full consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II application for Interstate 69.

Sincerely,

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Joseph R. Miller  
Vice President, Strategic Planning and Marketing

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Brad Morris Painting  
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July 31, 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 today on behalf of Brad Morris Painting 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. Brad Morris Painting is excited by the prospect of seeing such a large section of this vital project be open in the next few years.

Sincerely,



Amy Morris  
Co-owner

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Congressman Ed Whitfield

July 14, 2010

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

This letter is to show support for the section of I-69 that will be running through the state of Kentucky.

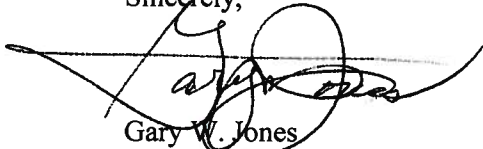
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I-69 has significant state support. The Kentucky legislature's recently approved road plan includes eight projects to further its development. Chambers of Commerce and Kentucky employers all feel having I-69 run through Kentucky would be an economic boost to our economy.

The Muhlenberg Career Development Center supports the United States Department of Transportation's intention of running a portion of I-69 through Kentucky.

Sincerely,



Gary W. Jones  
Business & Community Liaison

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July 8, 2010

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Sincerely,

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Phyllis Hill  
Trover Health System

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Thank you for full consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II application for Interstate 69.

Sincerely,

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Evan L. Beck  
Owner

cc: Governor Steve Beshear  
Senator Mitch McConnell  
Congressman Ed Whitfield



August 5, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
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I write to you today to express how important the development of Interstate 69 through Western Kentucky is to business, industry and citizens alike. Our Chamber of Commerce has promoted the development of the corridor for several years because it would bring the economic development advantages associated with the Interstate system to within 20 miles of our city.

Therefore, the Greater Owensboro Chamber of Commerce wholeheartedly supports the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's application for a TIGER II grant for SIU5 of I-69 in western Kentucky.

This is an opportunity for the U.S. DOT to make a grant that will put a project "over the top" to completion. Most of I-69 through Kentucky involves upgrading existing four-lane, access-controlled parkways such as the Pennyrile and Western Kentucky parkways that comprise SIU5. Indeed, having SIU5's 70+ miles officially "shielded" as I-69 would be a huge leap forward for this important seven-state corridor. KYTC's application is a great example of maximizing existing highways.

There is significant activity to move I-69 forward. A scoping study is currently underway on SIU6 in southwestern Kentucky. In 2009, the state legislature approved a measure to build Ohio River "mega-project" bridges between Kentucky and Indiana with alternative financing. The I-69 bridge (SIU4) is covered by the bill. In May, the legislature approved a new road plan that includes \$50+ for I-69, much of it on SIU5.

At the same time, both Indiana and Tennessee are moving forward boldly with I-69 SIUs to the north and south of Kentucky.

Thank you for your consideration of Kentucky's I-69 TIGER II grant application. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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Jody Wassmer  
President



July 8, 2010

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Thank you,

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Kim Ashby, CPA  
Vice President, Finance

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July 16, 2010

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

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

Sincerely,



Name - Gary Carver  
Title - Agent

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July 28, 2010

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

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Thank you,

Mike Freels  
Director/Henderson Regional Campus/Murray State University

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July 27, 2010

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Thank you,

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Rick Tappan  
General Manager

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*Binary IT Solutions  
300 First Street  
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July 31, 2010

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

I write this letter today on behalf of Binary IT Solutions 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. Binary IT Solutions is excited by the prospect of seeing such a large section of this vital project be open in the next few years.

Sincerely,



S. Ryan Phillips  
Co-owner

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August 4, 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 Henderson-Henderson County Chamber of Commerce 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. Our chamber is excited by the prospect of seeing such a large section of this vital project be open in the next few years.

Sincerely,

Brad Schneider  
President

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## VISION STATEMENT

The Breckinridge County Chamber of Commerce will act as a catalyst and the driving spirit in the coordination, development and implementation of economic development and promotion of life in Breckinridge County as one of Kentucky's premier communities.

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 Greater Breckinridge County Chamber of Commerce 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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Sincerely,



Janet Meeks  
President



# LOURDES

August 9, 2010

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Dear 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.

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 Pennyryle 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:

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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,

Lynn M. King  
Regional Director

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Senator Mitch McConnell  
Congressman Ed Whitfield



July 8, 2010

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Sincerely,

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G. Ruffin Chandler, Jr.  
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Thank you,

Kim Humphrey  
GRADD Regional Transportation Committee  
Vice-Chair

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July 13, 2010

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

I write this letter today on behalf of the Muhlenberg County School District 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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Sincerely,

R. Dale Todd  
Superintendent

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Kent T. Mills  
Market President

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July 8, 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 today on behalf of [company/organization name] 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 Pennyriple 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. [company/organization name] 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, appearing to read "C. Thomas Moore", written over a light blue circular stamp.

C. Thomas Moore, FACHE  
Senior Vice President and CFO

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July 22, 2010

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

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 Pennyrile 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.

Fauntleroy Supply, Inc., thanks you for the U.S. DOT's full consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II application for Interstate 69.

Sincerely,



Joey Steele  
General Manager  
Fauntleroy Supply, Inc.  
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July 14, 2010

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

RE: KYDOT TIGER II Grant Application

Dear Secretary LaHood:

On behalf of the West Kentucky Regional Chamber Alliance Board of Directors, I wish to express our support of funding for Interstate 69 development 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 Interstate 69. Upgrading the Western Kentucky and Pennyriple 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* who need the benefits that interstates bring. Moreover, Kentucky is centrally located along the seven-state I-69 Corridor. This *route* will *enhance* the *intermodal regional possibilities* that include several **major riverports** and **airports**. In addition, the Commonwealth of Kentucky supports the development of this interstate as is evident by the inclusion of eight highway projects identified as I-69 Improvement Projects in the State's Highway Road Plan and the appointment by Governor Steve Beshear of retired highway engineer Ted Merryman as the Kentucky Interstate 69 Project Manager.

On a national level, I-69 means economic development:

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- 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 parkway upgrades to SIU 5 of Interstate 69.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roy Riley", written over a horizontal line.

Roy Riley  
Chair of the Board

cc: Governor Steve Beshear  
Senator Mitch McConnell  
Senator Jim Bunning  
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## Muhlenberg Community Hospital

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July 14, 2010

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am the Chief Executive Officer of a 135-bed acute care hospital in Muhlenberg County in western Kentucky. 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. This infrastructure will be very beneficial to my community.

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 Pennyrite 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.

We at Muhlenberg Community Hospital thank you for the U.S. DOT's full consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II application for Interstate 69.

Sincerely,

Tracy P. Byers, FACHE  
Chief Executive Officer

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*"Caring for you, caring about you"*

*U-Chip'N, Inc.  
111 South Morgan Street  
Morganfield, KY 42437*

July 31, 2010

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

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.

U-Chip'N, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization that repairs homes for poverty level individuals, the handicap, and the elderly. Our funding is generated by donations from local businesses and individuals. Visiting our applicants, we see firsthand the need for economic development in Western Kentucky.

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,



Ryan Phillips  
Board Chairman

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August 10, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
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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 company/organization thanks you for the U.S. DOT's full consideration of Kentucky's TIGER II application for Interstate 69.

Sincerely,



David G Rhoades  
City Administrator

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August 6, 2010

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

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 Pennyryle and Western Kentucky parkways.

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Thank you,

Darrel Huff  
President

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Senator Mitch McConnell  
Congressman Ed Whitfield



July 15, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
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Thank you for your consideration.

Brenda Hamilton, CEO and staff of Parkway Regional Hospital

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July 15, 2010

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1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
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RE: KYDOT TIGER II Grant Application

Dear Secretary LaHood:

On behalf of the Paducah / McCracken County community, we wish to express our support of funding for Interstate 69 development nationwide and, in particular, for Kentucky's recent TIGER II grant application for upgrading the parkways along Segment of Independent Utility (SIU) 5.

Unlike other states, the *majority of Interstate 69* in the *Commonwealth* will follow *existing four-lane, fully-controlled access parkways*. SIU 5 consists of approximately 75 miles of upgrades to the Pennyriple and Western Kentucky Parkways from Henderson to Eddyville, Kentucky. In addition, a scoping study is currently underway on SIU 6, which will consist of upgrades to the existing Purchase Parkway from south of Eddyville to Fulton, Kentucky, on the Tennessee border. Using these existing roadways will save tax payers hundreds of millions of dollars.

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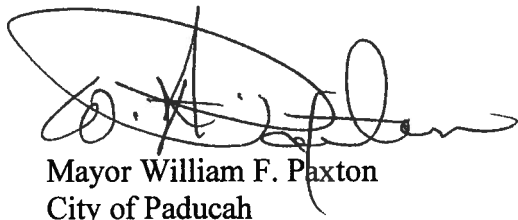
Sincerely,



Helen Sims, Board Chair  
Paducah Area Chamber of Commerce



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Greater Paducah Economic Development Council



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County Judge Executive Van Newberry  
McCracken County Fiscal Court

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