



## 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.

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.

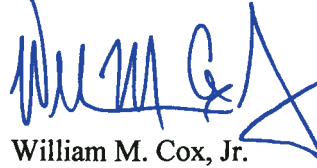
SIU5 is an ideal candidate for the "rural" funding portion of the TIGER II grant program. Much of the corridor through western Kentucky consists of economically depressed communities that need the benefits that Interstates bring. Indeed, Kentucky is centrally located along the entire seven-state I-69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

- Seventeen of the nation's top 25 seaports will be directly connected to Interstate 69.
- 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.
- 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.

Sincerely,

**CITY OF MADISONVILLE**

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William M. Cox, Jr.  
Mayor

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July 15, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood  
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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 a 170-mile stretch of the state's parkways slated to become I-69. This strong indication 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 minimal 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 yielding substantial savings to all tax payers. The U.S. DOT, through the TIGER II funding, 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 for your consideration.

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Dan Voegeli  
Mayor

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July 27, 2010

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

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 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

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August 10, 2010

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood  
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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.

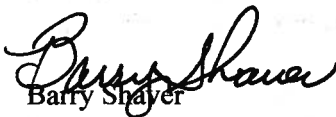
We are fortunate that Kentucky built an extensive system of four-lane, limited access parkways in the 1960s and 1970s. Much of the Purchase, Western Kentucky and Pennyryle parkways will be upgraded to become I-69. SIU5 covers approximately 75 miles and could take significant steps to being officially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

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,

  
Barry Shaver  
Mayor

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