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October 27, 2011

The Honorable Ray H. LaHood
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
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RE: TIGER III Application for I-93 Salem to Manchester - Exit 2 Interchange Improvements Project

Dear Secretary LaHood:

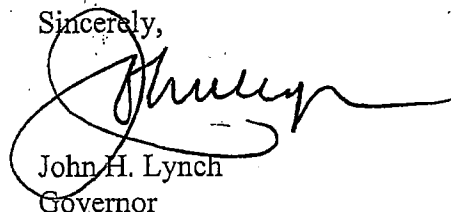
I write to express my support for the Transportation Investment Generating Economy Recovery (TIGER) III grant application submitted by the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) for the I-93 Salem to Manchester - Exit 2 Interchange Improvements Project.

This project is part of the larger I-93 Improvements Project, which is a top transportation infrastructure priority for New Hampshire. This specific project would complete construction from the New Hampshire/Massachusetts state line to a point just north of Exit 2 on Interstate 93. Once this construction is complete, the interstate will have three operational travel lanes in each direction for four miles north of the New Hampshire/Massachusetts border, which will reduce congestion and provide significant economic benefit to the region. This project will require reconstructing and widening three miles of interstate and replacing two red-list bridges.

Interstate 93 was originally designed with a capacity of 60,000 vehicles per day. It is currently carrying 109,000 vehicles per day. This interstate is a vital connection between southern New Hampshire and greater Boston for commuters, freight shipments and other economic activity. It is also an important route for tourists seeking to travel throughout New Hampshire. The specific section of I-93 that would be addressed by this project is also an important connection for residents of Massachusetts with the retail industry in southern New Hampshire.

This project will eliminate the last remaining red list bridges in the corridor, increase capacity, reduce congestion and travel times, improve safety, and increase the connectivity of southern New Hampshire and Massachusetts. For these reasons, I am pleased to support this application, and I respectfully request your support.

Sincerely,



John H. Lynch
Governor

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

October 27, 2011

The Honorable Ray LaHood
United States Secretary of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: TIGER III Grant Application
I-93 Exit 2 Interchange Improvements
NH Department of Transportation

Dear Secretary LaHood:

We writing in strong support of the TIGER III competitive grant application submitted by the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NH DOT) seeking funds for the I-93 Salem to Manchester - Exit 2 Interchange Improvements Project.

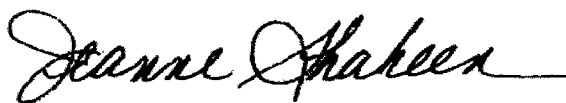
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The I-93 Improvements Project has been identified as the #1 transportation project in the state by the New Hampshire State Legislature. I-93 was originally designed to carry 60,000 vehicles per day and is currently carrying 109,000 vehicles a day. Not only does I-93 connect southern NH with Greater Boston for commuters, the corridor is also vital to freight movement and NH's tourism industry. Northbound lanes also connect residents of Massachusetts with the retail industry in southern New Hampshire.

This project will replace the last remaining red list bridges in the corridor, increase capacity, reduce congestion and travel times, improve safety for the users, and increase the connectivity of southern New Hampshire and Massachusetts. These achievements are all important to the economy in the region because of their positive impact on commuters, jobs, and the retail and tourism industries.

As the elected representatives for the people of New Hampshire, we support this project and strongly urge you to consider this competitive grant application.

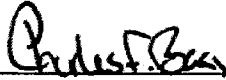
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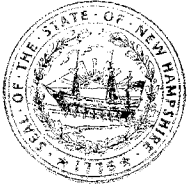
Kelly Ayotte



Charles F. Bass
United States Representative



Frank Guinta
United States Representative



The Executive Council of the State of New Hampshire

State House, 107 North Main Street, Concord, NH 03301

Christopher T. Sununu
Executive Councilor
District Three

October 26, 2011

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

RE: TIGER III Application for the I-93 Salem to Manchester - Exit 2 Interchange Improvements Project

Dear Secretary LaHood:

As Executive Councilor for District Three I write in support of the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT)'s TIGER III application for the I-93 Salem to Manchester - Exit 2 Interchange Improvements Project that is located in my district.

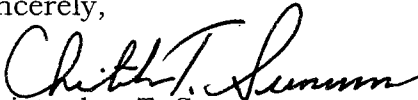
This project is part of the larger I-93 Improvements Project and would complete construction from the New Hampshire/Massachusetts state line to just north of Exit 2 on Interstate 93. Specifically, it will finalize the reconstruction of the Exit 2 Interchange resulting in three travel lanes being operational in each direction from the state line northward for 4 miles by reconstructing and widening 3 miles of interstate. I-93, a two lane highway, was constructed in the 1960's. It was originally designed with a capacity to carry 60,000 vehicles per day and is currently carrying 109,000 vehicles a day. This project will not only expand the travel lanes to accommodate the increases in traffic but also replace two red-list bridges.

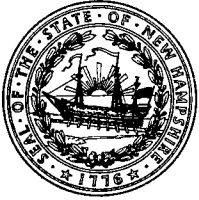
The I-93 Improvements Project has been identified as the #1 transportation project in the state by the NH State Legislature. Not only does I-93 connect southern NH with the Greater Boston area but this corridor is also vital to freight movement and NH's tourism industry. The recent completion of the Salem Transportation Center, just north of this exit with extended parking and bus service to Boston, brings this highway improvement plan to the final phase of completion.

This project will eliminate the last remaining red list bridges in the corridor, increase capacity, reduce congestion and travel times, improve safety, and improve the connectivity between southern New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

I thank you in advance for your review and support of this important project for the State of New Hampshire

Sincerely,


Christopher T. Sununu
Executive Councilor



State of New Hampshire

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCORD

October 20, 2011

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

RE: TIGER III Application for the I-93 Salem to Manchester - Exit 2 Interchange Improvements Project

Dear Secretary LaHood:

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This project will eliminate the last remaining red list bridges in the corridor, increase capacity, reduce congestion and travel times, improve safety for the users, and increase the connectivity of southern New Hampshire and Massachusetts all of which is important to economy in the region because of the impact on commuters, jobs, the retail industry, and the tourism industry. For these reasons, we respectfully request your support for this application.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of D.J. Bettencourt in black ink.

Rep. D.J. Bettencourt
House Majority Leader

Handwritten signature of Chuck Morse in black ink.

Senator Chuck Morse
Senate Finance Chairman

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October 28, 2011

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

RE: TIGER III Application for the I-93 Salem to Manchester - Exit 2 Interchange Improvements Project

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I am writing to you to express this agency's strong support for the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) TIGER III application for the I-93 Salem to Manchester - Exit 2 Interchange Improvements Project.

The Rockingham Planning Commission is the designated MPO for the project location. We have been a supporter of the overall I-93 expansion since it was first conceived in 1991. It was badly needed then, when the traffic volume of this segment of I-93 was already routinely operating over its design capacity at peak hour. We regard it as a critical need in our transportation system today. Unfortunately, due to anticipated reductions Federal and state funding, the State's ability to use GARVEE bonds for this component of the project has been compromised, and the project has been deferred in the State's most recent STIP and 10 Year Plan.

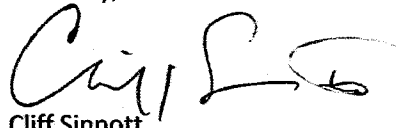
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The I-93 Improvements Project has been identified as the #1 transportation project in the state by the NH State Legislature and is a very high priority for our MPO. It was originally designed with a capacity to carry 60,000 vehicles per day and is currently carrying 109,000 vehicles a day. The project will significantly improve safety, increase capacity and reduce congestion and travel times for all users.

The project is vital to the State's and the region's economy. Not only does I-93 connect southern NH with the Boston metropolitan area for commuters, the corridor is also vital to freight movement for this region and for the state, and for maintaining access for New Hampshire's tourism industry.

I respectfully request your favorable consideration of this application.

Sincerely,



Cliff Sinnott
Executive Director

cc: MPO Policy and TAC Committees



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OFFICE OF THE TOWN MANAGER
Keith R. Hickey
Town Manager

October 24, 2011

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

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Sincerely,

Keith R. Hickey
Town Manager

cc: Board of Selectmen
William Scott, Community Development Director



Chamber of Commerce

October 28, 2011

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1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
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RE: TIGER III Application for the I-93 Salem to Manchester - Exit 2 Interchange Improvements Project

Dear Secretary LaHood:

On behalf of the Greater Salem Chamber of Commerce, I am writing to you to express our organization's support of the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT)'s TIGER III application for the I-93 Salem to Manchester - Exit 2 Interchange Improvements Project.

This project is part of the larger I-93 Improvements Project and would complete construction from the New Hampshire/Massachusetts state line to just north of Exit 2 on Interstate 93 in Salem NH. Specifically, it will finalize the reconstruction of the Exit 2 Interchange resulting in three travel lanes being operational in each direction from the state line northward 4 miles by reconstructing and widening 3 miles of interstate and replacing two red-list bridges.

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Sincerely,

Donna H. Morris
Executive Director



Michael J. Kelly
President & CEO

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