

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

March 23, 2012

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

**RE: Delegation Support for City of Houston TIGER Application**

Dear Secretary LaHood:

Representatives from throughout the greater Houston area are in support of the City of Houston TIGER 2012 application under your consideration. This project has tremendous regional support as demonstrated through the numerous funding partners. This set of projects for your consideration will close critical gaps in our trail system, further enhance the benefit our existing bayou's, and exemplify our region's commitment to sustainable transportation solutions. These projects will have long lasting positive impacts on generations to come in on our community and will greatly enhance mobility as it connects millions of residents to their local activity centers including schools, employment centers, and more. This program of trails will also provide increased access to regional destinations by providing improved access to our fixed route and light rail transit services.

The range of benefits from this project is incomparable to any other project in our region as it will impact the overall quality of life of our current residents. Benefits from the trails include health, recreation, and reduce vehicle dependence, and the improvements will greatly increase our ability to promote our City. These trails will create the type of environment we need to attract future businesses, residents, and national or international events. Additionally, we expect these projects to spur new private development along the trail corridors that will create new jobs and increase property values throughout the City. This project represents a significant opportunity to raise our national status as a sustainable transportation leader.

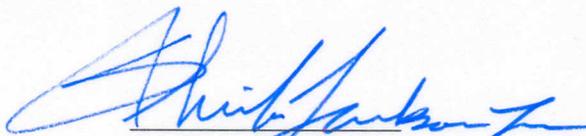
We encourage the Department of Transportation to review this package with full consideration as it is one of the most significant projects underway in our region and has financial contributions from private sector developers, non- profit organizations, the community, and numerous governmental entities.

We, members of the Congressional Delegation from the Houston region support this TIGER application and would appreciate your full attention and consideration of this program.

Respectfully,



Gene Green  
Member of Congress



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