



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0102

September 14, 2009

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

Re: City of Troy's TIGER Grant Application
Applicant: City of Troy (DUNS NO: 086542114)
Applicant: CCR NO: 1998K059707

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I am writing to express my strong support for the TIGER Grant application submitted by the City of Troy. It is my understanding that funds from this grant will be used to provide road improvements that will create an east-west corridor through Troy and connect U.S. Highway 231 to George Wallace Drive. The roadway network from will be improved by widening the roadway from two lanes to three lanes. It will also include roadway realignment, intersection improvements and the construction of a roundabout and a four-lane median divided section.

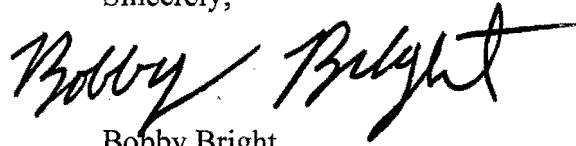
Current and future development opportunities in the city require this corridor construction and roadway upgrades. Hi-tech economic development as part of the city's Project Alpha will bring a new technology company to Troy with an estimated work-force impact of 500 individuals over the next five years. In addition, Troy University is in the process of constructing a multi-purpose 5,500-6,500 seat arena to support university social and athletic events. These two new projects, combined with the already present congested traffic system, misaligned intersections and narrow roads created safety hazards and slow traffic flow within the City of Troy.

The proposed corridor infrastructure development will not only enhance public safety and reduce congestion for new development, and special events at Troy University, it will also ease everyday traffic frustrations for the residents of the city. The majority of schools in the Troy City School System are concentrated in the northeastern portion of the city and are near or adjacent to the project area. The road improvements will ease daily commutes for parents and teachers and ultimately provide safer travel. Lacking an east-west corridor between the city and university currently causes heavy congestion that diminishes public safety and the livability of the Troy community.

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I applaud the objectives of this project and I look forward to seeing the transportation, economic recovery and other public benefits this project will bring to the Second Congressional District of Alabama. Therefore, I urge your careful consideration of this proposal and await a favorable response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bobby Bright". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end of the name.

Bobby Bright
Member of Congress