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The Honorable Jimmy Lunsford
Mayor
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RE: Troy's TIGER Transportation Grant Application

Dear Mayor Lunsford:

I wanted to offer our complete support for your efforts to apply for funding from the U.S. DOT TIGER Discretionary Grant Program regarding the transportation and congestion issues in the City of Troy.

As you know, traffic issues in and around our educational facilities have long been an issue and the situation is deteriorating as the city grows. Charles Henderson High School is directly adjacent to Troy University and the stadium and so many times during the year the traffic comes to a virtual standstill. Like the University, the Troy City School system is actually an in-city commuter school system and has very limited bus transportation. Most of our students are transported in private vehicles. With approximately 2,250 students in our system as well as the 270 employees, the traffic to and from our schools is very heavy. The proposed road upgrades will alleviate problems around our three main schools located in the northeastern quadrant of the city. Our parents would welcome and support any effort to relieve this twice-a-day congestion.

The Middle and Elementary Schools both suffer this same daily gridlock; alternate routes across town should have a major positive impact on the congestion and success to all of these schools. Again, this project is an effort which would be much appreciated by our parents now and in the future.

As the City and the University grow, we can only anticipate an ever-increasing transportation dilemma and now is the best time to begin to address the inevitable.

Again, we offer our support for this project and appreciate your continued efforts to improve our City. If you have any questions or need any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda Felton-Smith". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Linda Felton-Smith, Ph.D.
Troy City Schools Superintendent