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The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary
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Dear Secretary Foxx:

I am writing to strongly support the City of Flagstaff's \$10 million TIGER VII grant application for Fourth Street Corridor improvements in Flagstaff, Arizona.

As one of the few arterial crossings of the Interstate 40 in Flagstaff, Fourth Street's traffic volumes have grown substantially over the past 10 years. As a result, high volumes of traffic, including many trucks, pose both safety and capacity concerns as growth in the area adds more vehicles and activity to the corridor. This TIGER application proposes to complete a continuous four-lane complete street minor arterial on the three-quarter mile segment of Fourth Street between Butler Avenue and Industrial Drive to address these issues directly and emphasize the multimodal features of the roadway to improve access for all.

The proposed Fourth Street Corridor improvements will measurably strengthen the connection between residential communities in the area, including a substantial number of disadvantaged residents, to both existing and developing major employment and retail activity centers and recreational facilities, as well as to a variety of educational opportunities. The improved corridor will accommodate a continuous bicycle lane on both sides of the automobile travel lanes, a full sidewalk for safe pedestrian circulation and completion of a key segment of the Flagstaff Urban Trail System along Fourth Street over I-40. The project includes replacement and widening of the bridge over I-40 to accommodate the various improvements. The bridge constricts movement across I-40, inhibits the functionality of the crossing, impedes bicycle and pedestrian traffic and discourages installation of a viable bus route within the corridor. This project will greatly improve the link between the south and north sectors of the city and afford all populations a better ability to manage their daily transportation needs.

It is my understanding that the City of Flagstaff is partnering with many interested parties including the Arizona Department of Transportation, the Northern Arizona Intergovernmental Transportation Authority and private developers to complete this project. Therefore, I strongly support Flagstaff's \$10 million TIGER VII grant application for Fourth Street Corridor improvements.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this important and worthy project. In the meantime, please accept my best regards.

Sincerely,



The Honorable Ann Kirkpatrick
U.S. Representative, Arizona District One