

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey, SE
Washington D.C. 20590-0001

Dear Secretary Foxx:

We write to request that you give full and fair consideration to the “Interstates 10 and Interstate 17 Spine Corridor Improvements” urban application for the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery VII (TIGER VII) grant.

The Interstate 10 and Interstate 17 Spine Corridor serves as a backbone to the Phoenix metro area carrying a significant portion of the region’s daily vehicle trips. A successful TIGER award will support greater mobility, increase transit performance, and improve safety through:

Active Traffic Management (ATM): Implementation of an ATM system on Interstate 17 from the I-10 interchange to the Loop 101 interchange will reduce the potential for crashes when speed and conditions change. An ATM system will also reduce congestion with variable speed limits and lane control. The project application also proposes a wrong way detection system to deter wrong way drivers and reduce head on collisions.

Dedicated bus ramp: Construction of a dedicated bus ramp connecting the Interstate 10 median to the Interstate 17 southbound frontage road will provide direct access to the State Capitol Complex and downtown Phoenix for multiple commuter bus routes. The project will result in travel time savings for transit commuters and decrease congestion in high-occupancy vehicle lanes through downtown Phoenix.

We believe the “Interstate 10 and Interstate 17 Spine Corridor Improvements” would be excellent uses of TIGER VII resources. The Spine Corridor Improvements represent responsible and innovative investments in infrastructure in the Phoenix metro area, which will expand mobility and modal choices for residents and businesses. These transformative solutions and improved connections to employment and education will spur needed economic growth and development in our region.

In accordance with all existing agency rules, regulations, and ethical guidelines, we urge you to give this proposal full and fair consideration as you make this important funding decision.

Sincerely,

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