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

Dear Secretary Foxx:

I am writing to strongly support Arizona State Parks' \$2.24 million TIGER VII grant application for the Homolovi State Park road improvements near Winslow, Arizona.

As you may know, Homolovi State Park houses approximately 300 ancestral Hopi ruins that date from 1260 to 1400 A.D., making them some of the most significant Hopi archaeological sites in Arizona. Homolovi is located north and east of Winslow (population 9,655, according to the 2010 Census) and just south of the Hopi Reservation. About 16,000 visitors enter the park each year, and its net economic impact to this rural community is approximately \$3.5 million per year.

The entrance to the park off of State Highway 87 -- known as Homolovi State Park Entrance Road -- is in complete disrepair and must be rebuilt. In fact, one of the biggest complaints about the park is the entrance road's decay with cracks and potholes. Many potential visitors with large and expensive recreational vehicles (RVs) skip the park for this very reason. Arizona State Parks has recently committed funds to fill some of these cracks and potholes. Unfortunately, this is only a temporary solution, and State Parks lacks the necessary funding to complete a large, expensive project of this magnitude.

It is my understanding that State Parks is partnering with interested parties including the Hopi Tribe, the City of Winslow and Navajo County to complete this project. Therefore, I strongly support Arizona State Parks' \$2.24 million TIGER VII grant application to rebuild the Homolovi State Park Entrance Road.

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