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The Honorable Anthony R. Foxx  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
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Re: USDOT TIGER Discretionary Grant - Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery  
TIGER ID: ajwatson628  
TIGER PROJECT NAME: N71

Dear Secretary Foxx,

I firmly believe that education is the key to building a strong workforce in our global economy; therefore, I am honored to offer this letter of support for the Navajo Nation Division of Transportation (NDOT) N71 Birdsprings Project - TIGER Grant Application being submitted to the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT).

As an Arizona resident and congresswoman, I am aware of the transportation challenges the underserved areas and populations encounter within my state. The proposed project, N71, serves as a major route and thoroughfare for hundreds of families that need daily access to Flagstaff and Winslow for basic necessities, jobs, education and healthcare services. The goal of this project is to provide year-round accessibility to both non-tribal and tribal members in this area and to improve the quality of life for these families.

N71 is the primary access road and school bus route to the Little Singer Community School, which is one of the few schools in this area that provides education to the surrounding communities. As I have stated before, more needs to be done to expand educational options for students to ensure they have the best opportunities to succeed. Supporting this project is a small but important step in that direction. If I can be of further assistance with this request, please do not hesitate to contact me at the address above.

Sincerely,



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