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Honorable Anthony R. Foxx
United States Secretary of Transportation
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Re: USDOT TIGER Discretionary Grants - Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery
TIGER ID: ajwatson627
TIGER PROJECT NAME: N71

Dear Secretary Foxx,

As the U.S. Representative of Arizona's Congressional District One, I would like to offer my support for the Navajo Nation – Division of Transportation (NDOT) and the Tsaille/Wheatfields Chapter N12 Project TIGER Grant Application being submitted to the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT).

My district is vast and mostly rural. Well-maintained and modernized roads are so important here because many folks travel long distances just to go about their daily lives. Navajo Route 12 is one of Arizona's Scenic Byways and a popular tourist attraction. The beautiful route takes tourists through one of the most surreal landscapes in the country to the national parks and attractions in the region. Navajo Route 12 also serves as a primary school bus route and the main road for thousands of folks in the community, giving them daily access to basic amenities, education, jobs and healthcare services. The Tsaille/Wheatfields Chapter has several key projects along this road as well, like the Wheatfields Lake Development project and an 8.2 acre Language and Cultural Revitalization Master Plan Development project in Tsaille, Arizona.

This project will improve the route by widening the road, adding shoulders and improving the surface condition, which is currently a hazard to both vehicle and pedestrian traffic, according to a recently conducted Road Safety Audit. This project also addresses a number of safety issues on the route and includes wildlife crossing enhancements, Right of Way fencing to reduce livestock accidents, improved line of sight distances, and new sign and pavement visibility enhancements.

I represent most of the Navajo Nation, and quality transportation projects like this that address critical infrastructure needs and the safety of people living in underserved communities are so important to the folks in my district.

I enthusiastically endorse this project proposal and ask that the U.S. Department of Transportation give it all due consideration.

Sincerely,



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