



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-4311

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The Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
Washington, DC 20590


Re: TIGER Grant Application for SH 349 between Midland and Lamesa, Texas

Dear Mr. Secretary,

I write this letter in strong support of the Texas Department of Transportation's TIGER Grant application for SH-349 between Midland and Lamesa, Texas.

Expansion of SH-349 is vital to enhancing efficient trade between Mexico and the United States. This stretch of roadway has been designated as a National High Priority Corridor and is a section of the Texas Trunk System. As America's highways become more congested expanding viable trade routes to ease highway traffic in more urban areas provides an economic boost for our rural communities and lessens the problems created by truck traffic in urban areas. This project has the support from the Midland/Odessa Transportation Authority and the multi-national Ports to Plains Alliance.

I will continue to work to secure funding for this project and am willing to assist in any way possible with support for a TIGER Discretionary Grant. Thank you again for your consideration and please contact me if you have any questions.


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