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The Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: TIGER III Grant Application: Link Detroit! Multi-Modal Enhancement Plan

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I support the City of Detroit's TIGER III grant application for the Link Detroit! Multi-Modal Enhancement Plan. Detroit's investments in the Eastern Market district, the Detroit Riverfront, Downtown, Midtown, and the surrounding neighborhoods are an essential part of the city's economic revitalization strategy. The Link Detroit! Multi-Modal Plan improves the transportation infrastructure that links these investments, connecting the region's vibrant and developing neighborhoods with the Detroit's various cultural, recreational, and educational offerings.

A series of multi-modal infrastructure improvements will be implemented to create a fully functional transportation system through the Midtown area into Eastern Market, the Detroit Riverfront, and the heart of Downtown. These improvements will create economic reinvestment opportunities, support Southeastern Michigan's economy, and provide accessible and cost-effective transportation options. Improving Detroit's economic vitality and non-motorized connectivity is the key to the city's long-term sustainability and viability.

In addition to creating a means to revitalize Detroit, this plan enhances the quality and functionality of Eastern Market – one of the country's oldest and most successful public markets – and provides metro Detroit residents with cost-effective access to nutritious and affordable food.

The Link Detroit! Multi-Modal Enhancement Plan is an essential step toward a more sustainable and livable community. I appreciate your full consideration of the city's application. Please contact my office if I can provide any additional information.

Best Regards,



Hansen Clarke
Member of Congress