March 15, 2012

The Honorable Ray LaHood
Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, Southeast
Washington, District of Columbia 20590

RE: TIGER IV

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I am pleased to provide this letter in support of the Florida International University (FIU)'s efforts to obtain a federal grant. The goal of their proposed project, University City Project, is to create innovative transportation practices while promoting economic development in South Florida and the Southeast Florida region. I respectfully request your consideration of this organization's application for federal funding.

Quality programs that foster economic prosperity, encourage multi-modal improvements and extend pedestrian oriented public spaces are important to me as a U.S. Senator. If funded, both the FIU and Miami-Dade TIGER proposals will work together to change the socio-economic outcome of South Florida and will produce an effective transit system. Furthermore, this grant will allow Miami-Dade and FIU to provide more frequent transport and connectivity between the Miami Intermodal Center, University City, and several significant destinations throughout Miami-Dade County and the region.

Again, I encourage your consideration of this worthy cause. If I can be of further assistance in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at the address below.

Sincerely,

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CC: Mr. Pedro Villa, Regional Director, U. S. Senator Bill Nelson