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MAYOR

March 15, 2012

The Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I would like to bring to your attention Miami-Dade County's grant applications for the NW 27th Avenue Enhanced Bus and SR 836 Express Enhanced Bus projects under the fourth round of the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grant Program. In addition, I would like to take this opportunity express the County's support for the Florida International University's (FIU) UniversityCity project.

UniversityCity, in partnership with the City of Sweetwater, Florida and the Miami-Dade Expressway Authority (MDX), is a proposed project that would include the implementation of an Advanced Transit Multimodal Station (ATMS) on the FIU campus; a high-tech predictive Informed Traveler program of national significance; innovative transportation improvements to the City of Sweetwater; all of which will compliment the SR 836 Express Enhanced Bus project along SR-836 in Miami-Dade County which is one of Miami-Dade County's grant applications for TIGER IV.

This proposed multi-modal hub could potentially support economic development and may promote increased ridership on the SR 836 Express Enhanced Bus project resulting in an innovative Bus Rapid Transit system in Miami-Dade County.

I urge the Department to give the strongest consideration to these innovative, complimentary projects.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carlos A. Gimenez", written over a horizontal line.

Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor