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Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Barry E. Johnson
President & CEO
Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce
1601 Biscayne Boulevard
Miami, FL 33132-1260

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Thank you for your letter to Secretary LaHood supporting funding for the Advanced Transit Multimodal Station and the Express Bus Rapid Transit line projects under the \$500 million National Infrastructure Investments ("TIGER") Discretionary Grant Program authorized by the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2012. I am responding on his behalf.

A *Federal Register* final Notice of Funding Availability published on January 31, announced the availability of funding for TIGER Discretionary Grants, the selection criteria that the Department will use to evaluate applications, and application and eligibility requirements for interested applicants. The deadline for submitting pre-applications was February 20, and the deadline for submitting final applications was March 19.

The Department is very excited about the opportunity to fund innovative transportation projects through the TIGER Discretionary Grant Program and I can assure you that any application submitted for this project is receiving full and careful consideration.

If I can provide further information or assistance, please feel free to contact me at (202) 366-4540.

Sincerely yours,

Polly Trottenberg