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September 8, 2009

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

Re: TIGER Discretionary Grants

Dear Secretary LaHood,

I am writing to express my support of the grant applications submitted by Alaskan entities for a TIGER Discretionary Grant. The projects that I am currently aware of, Ketchikan Shipyard, Anchorage Port, and the Skagway Port, all meet the primary selection criteria of positive long term outcomes, economic development, and job growth. In addition, these projects would benefit national and international commerce as ships and products from foreign countries would use the facilities. (Comprehensive applications will be submitted to your office.)

With a minimum grant amount of \$20 million dollars (unless a waiver is granted) and Alaska's small population, virtually all transportation projects in Alaska will have immediate and long lasting positive impacts for the community and the region.

I urge you to give full and fair consideration to all projects submitted by Alaska sponsors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sean Parnell".

Sean Parnell
Governor