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April 21, 2014

Hon. Anthony Foxx
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: TIGER VI Riverside Drive Reconstruction

Dear Secretary Foxx:

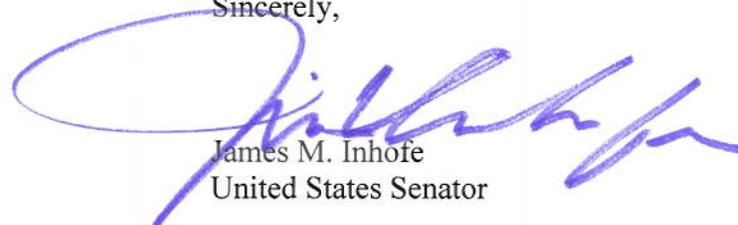
I am pleased to voice my support for the City of Tulsa's application to reconstruct Riverside Drive. Riverside connects downtown Tulsa to I-44 and the Creek Turnpike, making it one of the most regionally significant thoroughfares in the metropolitan area. As former mayor of Tulsa, I can attest to the significance of this roadway to the economic vitality of the city.

The City of Tulsa and the George Kaiser Family foundation together have committed more than \$28 Million to Riverside Drive reconstruction and associated projects, representing over 65% of the project's total cost. This kind of leverage is the type of example our nation's cities and states need to exhibit, as it greatly extends the reach of our federal resources. Public-private partnerships like this serve as a model for how efficient government can build high quality public infrastructure.

I know you agree our nation's infrastructure is in need of continued investment to remain economically competitive. That is why I worked to have the Projects of National and Regional Significance (TIGER) program included in MAP-21.

I fully support the City of Tulsa in its endeavor to reconstruct this important roadway through the TIGER program. Please let me know if I or my staff can be of any further assistance as you consider this commendable project.

Sincerely,



James M. Inhofe
United States Senator