

November 12, 2009

The Honorable Raymond H. LaHood
Secretary of Transportation
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary LaHood:

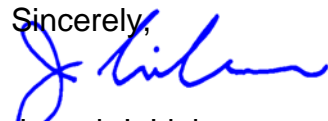
It is my pleasure to write in support of the application submitted by the Greater Bridgeport Transit Authority for a Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) discretionary grant for the Greater Bridgeport Transit Facility Expansion and Improvement Project.

I understand that this project is already underway and could be completed by February 2012 with support from TIGER funding. This project is included in the Bridgeport-Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and enjoys wide support in the region and the state as a whole.

This project incorporates the latest in sustainable design features to promote energy savings and reduce dependence on non-renewable resources. As threats of global warming increase and energy costs continue to rise, it is becoming increasingly important for us to incorporate environmental values into all aspects of our lifestyles. I cannot stress enough the importance of environmental awareness in our every day routines. Green building initiatives help Connecticut citizens dually—through short term energy cost cuts, and long term environmental preservation.

The Greater Bridgeport Transit Facility Expansion and Improvement Project is essential to this area of the State. I support this proposal and, therefore, respectfully request that it receive full and fair consideration. Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Joseph I. Lieberman
UNITED STATES SENATOR

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