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April 27, 2016

The Honorable Anthony R. Foxx
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590-0001

Re: Downtown Glenview Revitalization (TIGER Grant Program)

Dear Secretary Foxx:

We would like to take this opportunity to express our support and urge you to strongly consider the Village of Glenview's TIGER grant application for revitalizing Downtown Glenview. The project will clear up congestion on Glenview Road through the relocation of the existing Amtrak Station from Downtown to the North Glenview Metra Station. This will improve crossings, add ADA improvements, and increase multi-modal connections. The project also adds commuter and retail customer parking in the Downtown area and provides multi-modal bicycle and pedestrian interconnections with existing trails, schools, parks, and the library, encouraging more local non-motorized transportation.

Glenview is host to a critical station on Metra's Milwaukee District North Line where over 1,400 commuter rail riders board each weekday. With approval of the TIGER funds, Glenview will be able to realize the many aspects of multi-modal transportation in a revitalized Downtown as envisioned in Glenview's 2006 Downtown Revitalization Plan. Transit Oriented Development around the station will build on this successful ridership base and attract even more riders to the Metra system.

While Metra is not in a position to contribute financially to this project, Metra supports the Village of Glenview's request for TIGER funding to support downtown revitalization, and we look forward to working with the Village as this project is implemented.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Donald A. Orseno".

Donald A. Orseno
Executive Director/CEO