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

Dear Secretary Foxx,

On behalf of the Northwest Municipal Conference, please accept this letter supporting the application for grant funds submitted by the Village of Glenview, Illinois under the 2016 TIGER grant program. This project will have a local, regional and national impact by revitalizing the Village’s downtown and improving access to both Amtrak and regional commuter rail.

The project will ease congestion on Glenview Road, an important east-west corridor in the region, and add both commuter and retail customer parking in the downtown area. The multi-modal component of this project will provide bicycle and pedestrian connections with existing trails, schools, parks and a library, encouraging more local non-motorized transportation.

Glenview Road is a Federal Aid Urban (FAU) designated route that is critical to the economic vitality of the region. Glenview Road has previously been approved for other federal Surface Transportation Program funds to complete maintenance-related items including resurfacing and streetscape improvements. With approval of the TIGER funds, Glenview will be able to complete the full vision of the downtown as previously approved in the Village’s Downtown and Bike and Sidewalk Master Plans.

The Village of Glenview’s Downtown is an important center for transportation and commerce in northern Illinois. As it is home to the only Amtrak station serving the northern suburbs of Chicago, the importance of this project cannot be overstated. I hope you will see fit to support this worthwhile project.

Sincerely,

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