

**SAN LUIS VALLEY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING REGION
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September 14, 2009

Secretary Raymond LaHood
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave.
Washington, DC 20590

RE: TIGER Discretionary Grant

Dear Sir,

Please accept this open letter of support and endorsement for the above referenced TIGER Discretionary Grant application. The San Luis Valley Transportation Planning Region focuses on regional transportation issues in the San Luis Valley and we are confident that this project will provide many crucial benefits for the entire San Luis Valley.

Members of the San Luis Valley Transportation Planning Region voted unanimously on July 15, 2009, in support of the application to fund a San Luis Valley Rail Mobility Initiative under the U.S. Department of Transportation TIGER Discretionary Grants Program.

Not only will this project provide safe and reliable transportation for Valley residents, it will also decrease air pollution and road travel, as well as provide additional opportunities for employment in this time of economic crisis.

The San Luis Valley Transportation Planning Region is always examining ways to expand our collaboration efforts to better serve the residents of the San Luis Valley. It is in this capacity that we offer our complete support for this project. This is an exciting prospect for the San Luis Valley and we look forward to the commencement of the project.

Thank you for your consideration. Please contact this office at the address above with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

San Luis Valley Transportation Planning Region

BY: 

George Wilkinson
SLVTPR Chairman
Alamosa County Commissioner

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