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June 2, 2015

The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

Safety is a significant transportation issue. Construction of a separated grade interchange, a critical transportation infrastructure improvement at the intersection of Calumet Avenue and West 45th Street in Munster, Indiana, will ensure safety, promote economic development and relieve traffic congestion. I support the application for a 2015 TIGER Grant from the Town of Munster.

The Town of Munster's 45th Street Grade Separation and Reconstruction Project is a prime example of the type of multi-modal infrastructure project that will drastically reduce traffic congestion, and by extension quality of life, on a regional scale. For over twenty years, Munster has worked in collaboration with many organizations including the Northwest Indiana Regional Planning Commission, the Regional Development Authority, and the Indiana Department of Transportation to work on solutions to eliminate the congestion caused by a "double-T" intersection which constrains the movements of approximately 36,000 cars on a daily basis. The congestion worsens due to train travel from the Canadian National Railroad, which intersects the area at an at-grade crossing.

Creating a safer and less congested roadway is just one goal of the project. Munster officials have planned for the continuation of the Pennsy Greenway through the project and will use the extension of the roadway to spur economic growth in the community. The Town has also worked closely with the developers of Centennial Village Partners to create a multi-use, walkable development that will bring approximately \$100M of investment and benefit the community for generations.

I respectfully request that you give the Town of Munster's application full and fair consideration, in a manner consistent with U.S. law and public policy. I would appreciate being notified when a decision is announced. Questions and announcements can be directed to my Grants Director Marianne Black, at Marianne_Black@donnelly.senate.gov or by telephone at (317) 226.5555.

Sincerely,



Joe Donnelly
United States Senator

PETER J. VISCLOSKY
1ST DISTRICT, INDIANA

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April 16, 2014

The Honorable Anthony Foxx
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Dear Secretary Foxx:

I write in strong support of an application submitted by the town of Munster for the consideration of funding offered through the 2014 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant opportunity.

As stipulated in the application, the town is seeking funding to support its 45th Street Grade Separation and Reconstruction Project. This project is a prime example of the type of multi-modal infrastructure project that drastically will improve traffic congestion, and by extension quality of life, on a regional scale.

For more than twenty years, Munster has collaborated with organizations including the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC), the Northwest Indiana Regional Development Authority (RDA), and the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) in order to develop a solution to eliminate the congestion caused by a double-T intersection that constrains the movements of approximately 36,000 cars on a daily basis. Train movements from the Canadian National Railroad exacerbate this congestion, as this rail line intersects the area at an at-grade crossing.


Creating a safer and less congested roadway is one of several benefits offered from this project. Plans for the continuation of the Pennsy Greenway Trail, which connects Indiana and Illinois, have been developed through the project, and Munster officials will utilize the extension of the roadway to spur economic growth in the community. The town has worked closely with developers to create a multi-use, walkable development that will generate approximately \$100 million of investment within the area and will benefit the community for generations to come.

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The impact of the 45th Street Grade Separation and Reconstruction Project extends far beyond the borders of Munster. This project creates a long-lasting, positive effect on this region and improves the quality of life for residents between the states of Indiana and Illinois.

I know this proposal will receive the serious consideration it deserves. If you are in need of any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me or have the appropriate member of your staff contact Elizabeth Johnson, Director of Projects and Planning, in my Merrillville District Office at 219-795-1844.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter J. Visclosky". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "P" and "V".

Peter J. Visclosky
Member of Congress

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April 9, 2014

Mr. Anthony Foxx
Secretary
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1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
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RE: Town of Munster, Indiana "45th Street Grade Separation and Reconstruction Project" – Des. No. 0710056

Dear Secretary Foxx,

Please accept this letter as emphatic support for the 2014 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant application for the "Town of Munster's 45th Street Grade Separation and Reconstruction Project."

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Frank Mrvan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Frank Mrvan
Indiana State Senator
Senate District 1

cc: Tom DeGiulio, Town Manager
City of Munster, Indiana



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The Town of Munster's 45th Street Grade Separation and Reconstruction Project will have a positive impact far beyond the borders of Munster. This is an arterial north-south road joining multiple communities between Illinois and Indiana. There is no doubt that this will be a long-lasting project that will improve traffic flow and the quality of life for those in the region. I strongly request that you consider the Town of Munster's TIGER grant application as it is a critical factor for the funding of this major infrastructure project.

Sincerely,

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Hal Slager
Indiana State Representative
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April 11, 2014

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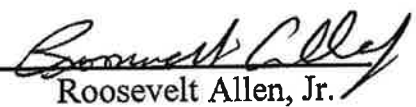
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Respectfully,

Board of Commissioners; County of Lake

		
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RE: Town of Munster, Indiana "45th Street Grade Separation and Reconstruction Project" – Des. No. 0710056

Dear Secretary Foxx,

Our agency would like to issue our affirmative support of the 2014 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant application for the Town of Munster's "45th Street Grade Separation and Reconstruction Project." This multi-modal infrastructure project will drastically improve traffic congestion and safety, and by extension, will improve quality of life not only for the Town of Munster, but also on a regional scale.

For over twenty years, the Town of Munster has collaborated with Northwest Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC), along with other state and regional agencies, to work on solutions to eliminate the congestion caused from this "double-T" intersection at Calumet Avenue and 45th Street. In particular, officials from Munster have participated in NIRPC's Regional At-Grade Crossing Study (2014), a report that identified the worst at-grade crossings in Northwest Indiana. Through this study, our agency found that of the hundreds of railroad-highway crossings in Northwest Indiana, the 45th Street crossing in Munster was in the top 15 most problematic. Approximately 36,000 automobiles and 17 Canadian National trains moving at 45 mph traverse this crossing daily. The total number of trains moving on the CN tracks has doubled in the last two years, and with a new operating agreement between CN and CSX, the amount of train traffic in this crossing is sure to increase. As it currently stands, the trains block access through the crossing for a total of 40 minutes each day, and on average, the gates are down for 2 minutes and 30 seconds at a time, causing extremely long queues and delays. With the community's hospital less than a mile from the crossing, this congestion creates an immediate problem for emergency vehicles needing to circulate through this intersection, and onward to different parts of the community.

Munster is one of the fastest growing communities in Northwest Indiana. With its population having risen by 10% in the last census period, and with Calumet Avenue serving as a critical north-south link between Northwest Indiana and the City of Chicago, it can be assumed that the traffic, and thereby the delays will almost certainly worsen.

However, creating a safer and less congested roadway is not the only positive effect of the project. The Town of Munster has also identified the site's adjacent parcels as prime area for smart-growth and new downtown development. The Town has worked closely with the developers of Centennial Village Partners to create a multi-use, walkable development that will bring approximately \$100 million of investment to the community. Officials have also planned for the continuation of the Pennsy Greenway through the project and will use the extension of the roadway. Lastly, with the potential West Lake extension of the South Shore commuter railroad running through Munster, the Town has identified a prospective location for a new station that would rest only a half mile from this new downtown development. All of this was prioritized by Munster in NIRPC's Creating Livable Communities Report (2013), which identified the best opportunities for smart growth throughout Northwest Indiana. The project

itself also stands as a wonderful extension of the policy goals prioritized in NIRPC's 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan, through its focus on infill development, enhancement of the existing transportation network, and improvement of air quality.

With that in mind, NIRPC provides our affirmative support for The Town of Munster's "45th Street Grade Separation and Reconstruction Project," and requests that you positively consider the Town of Munster's TIGER grant application, as it is a critical factor for the funding of this major infrastructure project. The project will improve the safety and efficiency of an import link in the region's highway system, improve commerce, expand our trail system, and support the development of more sustainable and livable communities in a rapidly growing section of our region.

Sincerely,



Tyson Warner, AICP
Executive Director



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Sincerely,

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Heather Ennis
President and CEO
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RE: Town of Munster, Indiana "45th Street Grade Separation and Reconstruction Project" – Des. No. 0710056

Dear Secretary Foxx,

Please accept this letter as emphatic/must-have/and enthusiastic support for the 2014 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant application for the "Town of Munster's 45th Street Grade Separation and Reconstruction Project."


Not only will this 45th Street Grade Separation greatly improve the flow of 36,000 + cars per day at this intersection, but it will also help to dramatically improve the air quality in both the Town of Munster and our neighbors in nearby Illinois. Currently, when traffic is backed up in all directions of the compass due to train traffic, the cars and diesel trucks idling at this location create their own layer of air pollution for the hospital, schools, local businesses, neighborhoods, and parks nearby.

The Town of Munster's 45th Street Grade Separation and Reconstruction Project is a prime example of the type of multi-modal infrastructure project that will not only improve traffic congestion, but also our quality of life on a regional scale. We have witnessed for over twenty (20) years, how the Town of Munster has worked in collaboration with many organizations including the Northwest Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC), the Regional Development Authority (RDA), and the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) to work on solutions to eliminate the congestion caused from this "double-T" intersection.

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Dave Ryan
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April 15, 2014

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Thomas Vander Woude
Deputy Executive Director of Transportation and Infrastructure
South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association



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Sincerely,

Norman F. Abbott
Mayor
Village of Lansing



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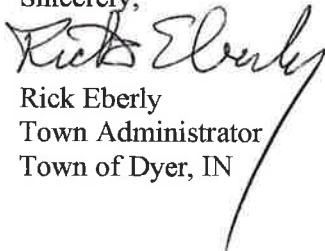
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Sincerely,



Rick Eberly
Town Administrator
Town of Dyer, IN

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Robert Volkmann". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Robert" and last name "Volkmann" clearly distinguishable.

Robert Volkmann
Town Manager

Cc: Schererville Town Council
Tom DeGiulio, Munster Town Manager (via email)
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Thursday, April 17, 2014

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Washington, DC 20590-0001

RE: Town of Munster, Indiana "45th Street Grade Separation and Reconstruction Project" – Des. No. 0710056

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael W. Griffin".

Michael W. Griffin, IAMC/MMC/CPFA/CPFIM/CMO
Clerk-Treasurer



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April 10, 2014

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U.S. Department of Transportation
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Washington, DC 20590-0001

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Des. No. 0710056

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Sincerely,



Donald P. Fesko
Chief Executive Officer

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April 15, 2014

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RE: Town of Munster, Indiana "45th Street Grade Separation and Reconstruction Project" – Des. No. 0710056

MUNSTER
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Very truly yours,



Barbara Greene
President
Franciscan Healthcare Munster



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April 10, 2014

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Sincerely,

Chris White
Publisher
The Times Media Co.

April 10, 2014

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Sincerely,



Timothy H. Nix
Executive Director
Hartsfield Village



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April 10, 2014

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U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
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Dear Secretary Foxx,

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We are the Owner of the 1,000,000 square foot Lake Business Center, a Class "A" Business Park located in the center of Munster. The Town of Munster's 45th Street Grade Separation and Reconstruction Project is a prime example of the type of multi-modal infrastructure project that will drastically improve traffic congestion, and by extension quality of life, on a regional scale. For over twenty (20) years, the Town of Munster has worked in collaboration with many organizations including the Northwest Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC), the Regional Development Authority (RDC), and the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) to work on solutions to eliminate the congestion caused from a "double-T" intersection which constrains the movements of approximately 36,000 cars on a daily basis. The congestion becomes exacerbated with train movements from the Canadian National Railroad, which intersects the area at an at-grade crossing.

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Sincerely,

Mitchell H. Simborg
President

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April 16, 2014

Mr. Anthony Foxx
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590-0001

RE: Town of Munster, Indiana "45th Street Grade Separation and Reconstruction Project"
Des. No. 0710056

Dear Secretary Foxx,

Please accept this letter as strong support for the 2014 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant application for the "Town of Munster's 45th Street Grade Separation and Reconstruction Project."

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Sincerely,



M. Gene Kimmel
Manager
Centennial Village, LLC

April 18, 2014

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Secretary
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**RE: Town of Munster, Indiana “45th Street Grade Separation and Reconstruction Project” –
Des. No. 0710056**

Dear Secretary Foxx,

Please accept this letter in support of the 2014 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant application submitted by the Town of Munster (“**Town**”) for its proposed 45th Street Grade Separation and Reconstruction Project (“**Project**”).

The Town’s Project exemplifies multi-modal infrastructure improvements intended to alleviate traffic congestion, and as a result increase quality of life as well, on a regional scale.

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Creating a safer and less congested roadway is not the only positive effect of the Project. Town officials offer plans for the continuation of the Pennsy Greenway through the Project and intend to use the extension of the roadway to spur economic growth in the community. The Town has worked closely with the developers of Centennial Village Partners to create a multi-use, walkable development that will bring substantial investment and will benefit the community for generations.

The Town Project offers a positive impact far beyond its own municipal borders. This Project represents a long-lasting, regional endeavor that improves the quality of life for residents between the states of Indiana and Illinois.

We ask that you give the Town’s TIGER grant application your most serious consideration.

Sincerely,

Mark A. Leahy
Plant Director
Pepsi Beverages Company



MUNSTER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

April 15, 2014

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Wendy M Mis
Executive Director
Munster Chamber of Commerce