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April 5, 2016

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

Dear Secretary Foxx:

I write to express my support for the Town of Northwood, New Hampshire's application for Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) competitive grant funding to improve infrastructure connecting the Town to the Route 4 Commerce Corridor (RFCC).

Located between Concord and Portsmouth, Northwood, New Hampshire is the Center of the RFCC. The Town relies on two arterial roads to connect itself and the surrounding towns to the RFCC. One of the two roads, Bow Lake Road, has a 78 year old bridge that reached the end of its useful life 28 years ago and has been placed on the New Hampshire Red Listed Bridge list. The Bridge and adjacent road are in disrepair and require weight restrictions on vehicles that travel along that route. If the bridge is closed permanently, then school busses, emergency services and commercial vehicles will be forced to use a longer, cumbersome alternate route. In addition, these infrastructure improvements will help the local economy and ensure a good quality of life for Northwood's citizens. The Town of Northwood is requesting funding to help with the replacement of the bridge over Sherburne Brook and the reconstruction of 2.1 miles of road from the Town Line to the RFCC.

I urge your full and due consideration of the competitive grant application submitted by the Town of Northwood. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Kelly A. Ayotte
United States Senator

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