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

Dear Secretary Foxx:

Reference is made to the application for Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) discretionary grant funds that is being submitted by the University of Arkansas at Little Rock (UALR) for an improvement project along University Avenue in Little Rock, Arkansas.

The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) supports the aforementioned TIGER application as a potential funding source necessary to move this important project forward. This project will result in revitalizing midtown Little Rock and provide significant benefits to the residents in this area, as well as to visitors and students that live off campus. It would greatly improve the livability near the UALR campus by creating a multimodal corridor that will promote bicycling, walking, and transit use.

A portion of this project is located on the State Highway System, and AHTD has committed to partnering with UALR by including \$600,000 in the upcoming 2016-2020 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program for improvements at the intersection of Highway 70 (University Avenue) and Highway 5 (Asher Avenue/Colonel Glenn Road).

If additional information is needed, please advise.

Sincerely,

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