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August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010

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

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I am writing to express my support for a grant application submitted by the Ames Transit Agency (CyRide) for Transportation Investments Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER II) discretionary grant funding. The project is a collaboration between Iowa State University, the City of Ames and CyRide, would construct the Ames Intermodal Facility Expansion.

The Ames community is an avid proponent of public transportation, enjoying one of the highest levels of transit service in the state with ridership per capita rivaling large metropolitan areas like Chicago and Denver. The Intermodal Facility Expansion will drastically improve mobility between four transportation modes within the city and the region by adding the final mode – CyRide, the local transit provider. Through this project expansion, CyRide plans to operate a high frequency 10-minute shuttle operation to/from the Intermodal Facility to increase the livability of those utilizing the facility in making their alternative transportation choice an easy one by making connections seamless throughout the community.

In addition, it will provide the initial infusion of dollars needed to stimulate the Ames economy through the revitalization of the Campustown Business District, with over \$50 million in construction activity, as well as an additional \$25 million annually in operations, meeting the intent of the TIGER II grant program. The community is well on its way in working with a developer to begin this high priority redevelopment.

I hope you will give every consideration to this project expansion. Please direct any correspondence regarding this matter to Kevin Condon in my office in Des Moines. Thank you for this opportunity to express my views.

Sincerely,



Tom Harkin  
United States Senator

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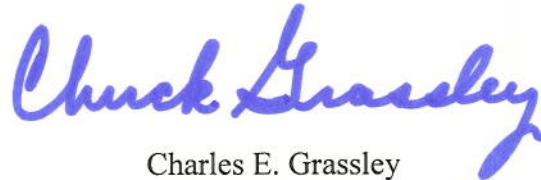
Ms. Sheri Kyras  
Director  
CyRide  
1700 West 6th Street  
Ames, Iowa 50014

Dear Ms. Kyras:

I have contacted the U.S. Department of Transportation regarding the Transportation Investments Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) II application submitted by the Ames Transit Agency (CyRide). I asked that it be given all due consideration. When I receive a response from the U.S. Department of Transportation, I will relay the necessary information to you.

Thank you for allowing me to be of assistance to you. If you have any further questions regarding this, or any other federal matter, please do not hesitate to contact me again.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Grassley  
United States Senator

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