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The Honorable Elaine L. Chao Secretary of Transportation United States Department of Transportation Office of the Secretary 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE West Building Ninth Floor Washington, D.C. 20590-9898

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RE: City of Madison TIGER Grant Application for Nakoosa Trail Satellite Bus Storage Facility

Dear Secretary Chao,

I write today to share good news regarding the City of Madison's application submitted to the United State Department of Transportation (US DOT) seeking federal assistance through the Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant Program. Subsequent to my last discussion with US DOT officials and submission of our proposal, the University of Wisconsin-Madison pledged a \$50,000 one-time contribution to the Nakoosa Trail Satellite Bus Storage Facility.

We are grateful for this new nonfederal investment, which demonstrates the UW-Madison's commitment to transportation and infrastructure improvements that will benefit its workforce and student body. UW-Madison is the largest employer in Dane County, providing jobs for more than 16,000 faculty, staff, and graduate assistants who live in Madison and throughout the greater region. We are proud to call UW-Madison, the state's flagship institution, a project partner for the Nakoosa Trail Satellite Bus Storage Facility.

While we understand that this new source of local match may not be considered during the formal review and evaluation of the applications, I wanted to make sure that you were aware of this exciting development should the project be selected for a TIGER grant award since the requested federal assistance would be reduced. Please see the attached letter of support and financial commitment from the University Office of the Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration. Please contact our Transit Manager Chuck Kamp at (608)267-8777 or Nick Zavos of my staff at (608)266-4611 if you have answer any questions regarding the UW-Madison's commitment or the proposed project.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. We appreciate your full consideration of the City's TIGER proposal, and your continued partnership at the federal level.

Sincerely,

Paul R. Soglin Mayor

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