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May 31, 2013

The Honorable Raymond H. LaHood
Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary,

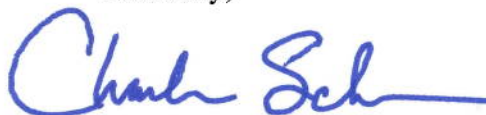
I am pleased to write in support of the \$17.7 million application submitted by the City of Rochester for funding under the *Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery Grant Program (TIGER V)*. Such funding will enable the City of Rochester to implement its Inner Loop East Reconstruction Project.

The City of Rochester is successfully revitalizing its downtown area through strategic investments in infrastructure, economic development, and housing. A key piece of its downtown revitalization strategy is to attract new investments by reconnecting its downtown core to adjacent vibrant neighborhoods that are now effectively separated by the Inner Loop. The Inner Loop serves as a physical and psychological barrier, separating the downtown area from adjacent thriving neighborhoods, and discouraging walking and biking while hindering economic development.

This funding will be used to remove a deteriorated and underutilized section of the Inner Loop Expressway and replace it with a new high quality city street to spur economic development. This project will reconnect neighborhoods, remove two structurally-deficient bridges, right-size 50 year old outdated infrastructure to leverage private sector investment, and create more than nine acres of land for redevelopment. The construction phase would create or retain over 300 jobs while a total of over 1000 permanent jobs could be created or retained at full build-out. The proposed project meets all of the TIGER Long-Term Outcomes and incorporates multiple innovative features, and I applaud the City of Rochester for its foresight.

I sincerely hope the application meets with your approval and thank you for your consideration. If you need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me or my Grants Director, Marissa Emanuel, in my Washington, DC office at 202-224-6542.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Schumer
U.S. Senator