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

**RE: TIGER IV Discretionary Grant: Minot International Airport, Minot, North Dakota**

Dear Mr. Secretary,

On behalf of the City of Minot, the Minot Area Development Corporation supports the Minot International Airport Access Road Project. As we understand the project will address infrastructure needs regarding the expansion of the main road access for the Airport Terminal Building.

In our opinion, the Minot airport supports economic development for the city. Funding for this project will create safe pedestrian infrastructure and improve local transit access and service access for all vehicle traffic.

The project, overall will widen and realign the Airport's main access road to accommodate increased passenger traffic to the new and expanded airport terminal building. Currently, total passengers have increased dramatically from 144,204 in 2009 to 306,403 in 2011 (112% increase in two years). Main drivers for the explosive regional economic growth are the petroleum companies seeking to expand their footprint into the Williston Basin Oil Play as well as the numerous Canadian visitors traveling to our community to use the Minot airport. We expect this growth trend will continue into the future.

Finally, our local funding sources are stretched due to Minot's growth in other areas and infrastructure needs to support this growth, so we are requesting your assistance.

Please consider the City of Minot's request for grant funding of this project.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jerry Chavez", written in a cursive style.

Jerry Chavez  
President/CEO