



MINOT PARK DISTRICT

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March 14, 2012

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,

Creating walkable communities is important to the Minot Park District and the Minot Citizen's Trial Committee, which is why we support the City of Minot's grant application for TIGER IV funding to complete the Minot International Airport's (MOT) Access Road Project.

As part of the project, MOT is incorporating walking and bike paths along the access road, which currently do not exist. This forward thinking approach will allow pedestrians to safely access the airport and nearby recreational facilities using non-motorized vehicles. The path will connect to a walking bridge that crosses one of the busiest roads in Minot. It will also be convenient for people staying at hotels less than a mile from MOT.

We will work with MOT to complete the Access Road Project and the new trail system. We are prepared to assist with maintaining the trails to improve the quality of life and alternative transportation optional for residents and visitors to the City of Minot.

Thank you for your attention to this grant application. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide any information to assist you in your decision.

Sincerely,

Ron Merritt
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Minot Park District

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