



**MINOT**  
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

March 16, 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,

On behalf of the City of Minot and the Minot International Airport, please accept our application and request for TIGER Grant funding for the Airport's Access Road Project to assist with the infrastructure needed to expand the main road access to/from the Airport Terminal Building.

In the past two years, the Minot International Airport has more than doubled the number of total passengers (144,204 in 2009 and 306,403 in 2011) travelling through its doors and on its main roads to access airport property. This growth is due to the booming economy caused by the North Dakota Bakken oil activity and the excellent relations from our Canadian neighbors to the north. Because of the tremendous growth in a short period of time, infrastructure projects are under the planning stages and will begin design and construction very soon. Currently, the main access road only provides vehicle traffic to/from the Airport Terminal. Through the expansion of the main access road, appropriate pedestrian traffic, transit access, and the widening of this road will increase the safety and congestion of vehicle traffic and allow more public users to access this property in a safe manner.

Due to the devastating flood in the summer 2011, the City of Minot is under financial hardship and since the Airport and the Public Works departments are under the City of Minot's authority, any financial assistance is appreciated.

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

Sincerely,



Andrew Solsvig  
Airport Director  
Minot International Airport

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