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The Honorable Anthony Foxx, Secretary
U. S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx,

The Hawai'i Department of Education (DOE) is pleased to support the County of Kaua'i's TIGER grant application to complete the Lihu'e Town Core Mobility and Revitalization Project.

DOE has been a strong partner with the County of Kaua'i in developing a robust Safe Routes to School program. This project will advance safe routes to Wilcox Elementary School, including vital connections to neighborhoods with low and moderate income populations.

The benefits of this project will extend beyond the Wilcox School community. DOE and other State offices are located within the project area. This project will provide opportunities for State employees to walk, bike or take transit to work and will also better connect these offices and the services we provide to our constituents. In addition, this project provides ladders of opportunity connecting people of diverse economic and cultural backgrounds to education, jobs and services which are critical to the DOE's mission to prepare all students to become citizens who contribute to society throughout their lives.

The education, economic revitalization, safety, health and environmental benefits of this project are all of value to the residents of Kaua'i. For these reasons, I urge you to support this competitive grant application. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

William N. Arakaki
Kaua'i Complex Area Superintendent
Hawai'i Department of Education