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

**SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR THE COUNTY OF KAUA'I'S TIGER GRANT APPLICATION**

Dear Secretary Foxx,

Kauai Path's board of directors strongly supports the County of Kaua'i's TIGER grant application to assist in completing the Lihue Town Core Mobility and Revitalization Project.

Kauai Path and the County of Kaua'i collaborate on health initiatives across our island home. We are currently working together on the Kaua'i Community Health Improvement Initiative, and previously partnered to compile the County's Community Health Needs Assessment. Additionally, the County of Kaua'i and Kauai Path served as coalition members in the national Communities Putting Prevention to Work collaborative (American Reinvestment and Recovery Act funded) effort to combat obesity.

The comprehensive transportation development plans for Kaua'i identify improvements to our built environment designed to augment active transportation modes.

The County's TIGER application seeks to transform the Lihue Town Core into the pedestrian-, bicycle- and transit-friendly heart of our island by connecting people—especially disadvantaged populations—to jobs, education and social services. We concur that a focus on multi-modal safety will connect residents with schools, commercial, government and medical offices, and thereby create an integrated, livable community with low cost transportation options.

Dr. Derek Johnson is a Kauai resident who works as an orthopedic surgeon at Wilcox Memorial Hospital and serves on Kauai Path's board of directors.

"After nearly four years of orthopedic practice on the island," wrote Dr. Johnson, "I became alarmed at the number of people I met who were injured either on bike or on foot, attempting to navigate the narrow shoulders found on Kauai's roads. It is through my experiences treating these severely injured patients that I was compelled to get involved with the community organization Kauai Path.

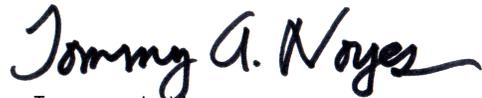
Kauai residents working together to preserve, protect, and extend access island-wide through the design, implementation, and stewardship of non-motorized multi-use paths.

"My hope is that community members such as myself can join with the County of Kaua'i in expanding systems of multi-modal pathways and road improvements, to allow for safe travel by bicycle, foot, and other forms of non-motorized transportation. Kauai Path members such as myself are ready and willing to secure additional private donations and federal grants available, thereby minimizing the financial burden that would otherwise fall on the County.

"I am extremely proud of our Planning Department for thoughtfully developing plans for true multi-modal infrastructure. They have carefully considered the will of the people while setting priorities for these plans. Please add your support for funding the proposed walking/bicycling/transit infrastructure in Līhu'e, as this ambitious project can only encourage smart growth, and enhance public health and safety."

Kauai Path's goal is improved health outcomes for Kaua'i residents. We are honored to be a committed partner with the County of Kaua'i in implementing smart changes to the built environment that will result in better health outcomes. We urge you to approve this application for the Līhu'e Town Core Mobility and Revitalization project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tommy A. Noyes". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tommy A. Noyes  
Secretary, Kauai Path Board of Directors