



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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May 26, 2015

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

Dear Secretary Foxx:

As a Hawai'i State Representative representing District 16 of the County of Kaua'i, I strongly support the County of Kaua'i's TIGER grant application to assist in completing the Līhu'e Town Core Mobility and Revitalization Project.

Throughout our state, Kaua'i is known as a leader in complete streets initiatives. They were the first county in Hawai'i to approve a Complete Streets Resolution. They have built an impressive coalition of partners in health, education, transportation and housing to support the transformation of our communities. They led the charge to develop a statewide source of funding for Safe Routes to School. They have a solid track record of delivering successful construction projects.

As a State Representative, I am concerned about the high cost of housing plus transportation on Kaua'i and throughout Hawai'i, and the impact this has on our most vulnerable populations. This project supports ladders of opportunity by both reducing household transportation costs and improving multi-modal access to jobs, education and essential services. In addition, this project supports the economic revitalization of Līhu'e town, the heart of our island.

Based on their successful track record, I am confident in the County's ability to deliver on this project, and ask you to award their application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dee Morikawa".

Daynette "Dee" Morikawa
House of Representatives
16th District – Ni'ihau, Lehua, Koloa, Waimea