

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

August 17, 2015

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

Re: TIGER 2015 Discretionary Grants

Dear Secretary Foxx:

We are writing in strong support of the two TIGER Discretionary Grant applications submitted from the State of Hawaii. The two applications are: 1) County of Kauai – Lihue Town Core Mobility and Revitalization requesting \$15,131,000; and 2) City and County of – Honolulu Urban Bus Circulator System requesting \$24,960,000.

As an island state, Hawaii has unique transportation needs. Infrastructure on each island is determined by our geography and each island faces different needs and challenges. The two TIGER projects are meritorious and based on the Ladders of Opportunity that will move our population for employment, education, and services on the islands of Oahu and Kauai. Both projects directly address economic competitiveness, quality of life, and environmental sustainability.

The Lihue Town Core Mobility and Revitalization project implements years of community planning and consensus building and transforms the automobile-centered town core into a multi-modal, mixed-use town center. This rural TIGER project builds on partnerships and will serve as a catalyst for economic revitalization in Lihue. It expands transit services and convenient connections for Lihue and to other parts of the island.

The Honolulu Urban Bus (HUB) Circulator System seeks to develop a high-frequency, high-capacity electric and hybrid bus circulator system in Honolulu's urban core. The HUB is designed to address the challenge of the "last mile of service" related to development of the Honolulu Rail Transit Project for the last three rail stations for the 41 percent of bus commuters with destinations within a half mile of the proposed system. The HUB is one of several projects developed by the City to improve livability in Honolulu. The City has worked with each

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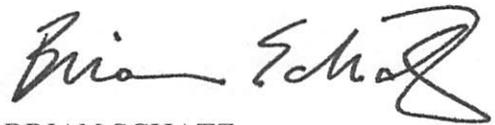
community to develop transit-oriented development neighborhood plans around each station and is actively implementing these plans through upzoning and complete streets legislation.

Accordingly, within applicable rules and regulations, we would appreciate your full and fair consideration of Hawaii's TIGER grant applications. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Aloha,



MAZIE K. HIRONO  
United States Senator



BRIAN SCHATZ  
United States Senator



TULSI GABBARD  
Member of Congress

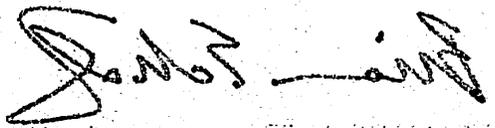


K. MARK TAKAI  
Member of Congress

The undersigned hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original as the same appears in the records of the Department of the Interior.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Department of the Interior at Washington, D.C. this 10th day of October, 2012.

and

  
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