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The Honorable Ray LaHood  
U.S. Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Subject: Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grant Application for  
Pinellas Bayway Bridge Structure "C" (FPN: 256903 1)

Dear Secretary LaHood:

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) in coordination with Pinellas County and the Cities of St. Pete Beach and St. Petersburg is pleased to submit this application for Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grant funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

The proposal, the Pinellas Bayway Bridge Structure "C" project, will generate significant economic growth for the retail, accommodation and food service industries in this largely tourist area while replacing an aging bridge in need of repair. Investing TIGER Grant funds with available state funds will complete the financing required to replace this aging bridge that is in need of repair. Completion of the new bridge is anticipated to generate \$341.6 million in economic benefits over a 25 year period.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me directly at (850) 414-5206 or Mr. Donald J. Skelton, P.E., District Secretary, D4 at (813) 975-6039 or by email at [donald.skelton@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:donald.skelton@dot.state.fl.us).

Sincerely,

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