

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

April 24, 2014

Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary of Transportation
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

We write to urge you to give careful consideration to the City of Houston's Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) application for the Houston Integrated Intelligent Transportation System (HITS). HITS will not only provide solutions to the City's growing transportation challenges, but also will elevate Houston to the forefront of ITS technology.

The City's proposal will implement an extensive framework of interconnected Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) across one of the most populated and congested cities in the country. These technologies will mitigate traffic congestion by supplying commuters with real-time information, including reliable travel times and alternate routes, along major arterials. City-wide ITS services will reduce travel delay, resulting in lower emissions, improve capacity, and enhanced accessibility across Houston for motorists and bus transit passengers. Additionally, the technologies employed will stream constant data to transportation management officials, facilitating efficient improvements to arterial flow and more shared information with partnered local agencies. Developments in ITS-based monitoring will also enhance safety by providing real-time incident response, reducing the risk of secondary crashes.

The City of Houston's ITS project will integrate state-of-the-art technology with existing infrastructure, syncing collected data with a central software system. The City has secured funding for the first zone, and receipt of a TIGER grant will allow the City to implement all zones of the HITS project, including 150 arterial corridors across the city.

We appreciate your consideration of Houston's TIGER application, which will provide significant transportation benefits and serve as a model for other cities.

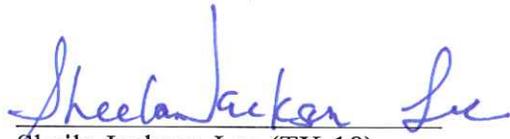
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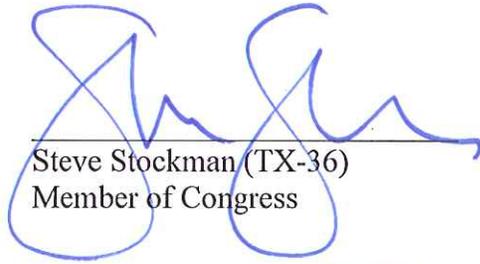
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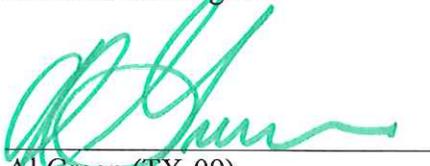
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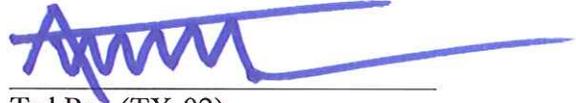
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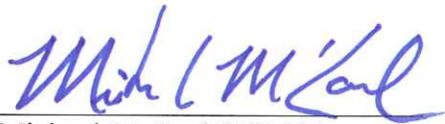
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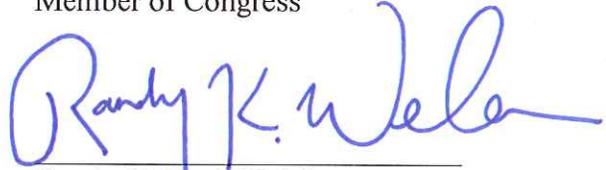
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