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March 14, 2012

The Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary LaHood:

The City of Joplin, Missouri is applying for funding from the TIGER IV Grant program on behalf of the Joplin Transportation and Disaster Recovery Initiative. This partnership of local jurisdictions, economic development agencies and private industry is seeking approximately \$17 million in TIGER IV Grant funding.

The funding would allow a continuation of the City of Joplin's tornado recovery efforts by enabling the completion of seven transportation improvement projects. These projects include two railroad grade separations, three roadway capacity improvements, bicycle paths and transit enhancements. Completing these projects will improve capacity and safety; enhance multi-modal transportation; and spur economic development in the area that was ravaged by the EF5 tornado in May, 2011.

It is my hope you will give the application by the City of Joplin, on behalf of the Joplin Transportation and Disaster Recovery Initiative, for funding from the TIGER IV Grant program full and fair consideration.

Sincere regards,



Roy Blunt
United States Senator