

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TIGER 2016 DISCRETIONARY GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE HARLEM AVENUE MULTIMODAL BRIDGE PROJECT

BE IT RESOLVED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Oak Park, Cook County, State of Illinois, in the exercise of their home rule powers, that the Village Manager, or the Village Manager’s designee, is hereby authorized and directed to submit a United States Department of Transportation TIGER 2016 Discretionary Grant Application for the Harlem Avenue Multimodal Bridge Project.

THIS RESOLUTION shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and approval as provided by law.

ADOPTED this 18th day of April, 2016 pursuant to a roll call vote as follows:

Voting	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
President Abu-Taleb	x			
Trustee Barber	x			
Trustee Brewer	x			
Trustee Lueck				x
Trustee Ott	x			
Trustee Salzman	x			
Trustee Tucker	x			

APPROVED this 18th day of April, 2016.



Anan Abu-Taleb, Village President

ATTEST



Teresa Powell, Village Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. R-19-16

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AN APPLICATION BY THE
VILLAGES OF FOREST PARK, OAK PARK AND RIVER FOREST
FOR A UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
TIGER DISCRETIONARY ACT GRANT**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Commissioners of the Village of Forest Park, Cook County, Illinois ("Village") that the Council supports the application for a United States Department of Transportation TIGER Discretionary Act grant for improvements at the Harlem Avenue viaduct in conjunction with the Villages of River Forest and Oak Park.

THIS RESOLUTION shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and approval as provided by law.


Resolved this 28th day of March, 2015.

AYES: _____ 5 _____

NAYS: _____ 0 _____

ABSENT: _____ 0 _____

APPROVED:



Mayor Anthony T. Calderone

ATTESTED:



Vanessa Moritz, Village Clerk

RESOLUTION 16-03

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AN APPLICATION FOR A UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TIGER DISCRETIONARY GRANT

WHEREAS, the Villages of River Forest, Oak Park, and Forest Park share jurisdictional boundaries at the location of the Harlem Avenue viaduct; and

WHEREAS, in addition the area serves a major transportation corridor for vehicles, Union Pacific, Metra, and the Chicago Transit Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Villages of River Forest, Oak Park, and Forest Park have been previously awarded a grant to study the feasibility of improving the Harlem Avenue viaduct; and

WHEREAS, the Villages of River Forest, Oak Park, and Forest Park agree that the improvements in the study should be constructed and now seek federal assistance to ensure the project can be accomplished to protect the health, safety and welfare of the communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of River Forest, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1: The Village Board supports the application for a United States Department of Transportation TIGER Discretionary Act grant for improvements at the Harlem Avenue viaduct in conjunction with the Villages of Oak Park and Forest Park.

Section 2: The Village Administrator is authorized to act on behalf of the Village in the execution of documents relating to the application of the grant.

Section 3: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, by a vote of a majority of the Corporate Authorities.

Passed on a roll call vote of the Corporate Authorities on the 11th day of April, 2016.

AYES: Trustees Cargie, Colwell-Steinke, Conti, Corsini, Dwyer, and Gibbs

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

APPROVED by me this 11th day of April, 2016.



Village President

ATTEST:



Village Clerk



March 5, 2016

Honorable Anan Abu-Taleb
Village President
Village of Oak Park
123 Madison Street
Oak Park, IL 60302

Anthony T. Calderone
MAYOR

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Timothy E. Gillian
VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

Vanessa Moritz
VILLAGE CLERK

Dear President Abu-Taleb,

The Village of Forest Park is excited to participate in the TIGER grant request for the Harlem Avenue Underpass. We fully understand that our commitment to this project will require a local funding match. In March of 2014 voters in Forest Park approved a .05% of one cent sales tax increase that is legally and solely bound to infrastructure needs. This adds to a previous successful referendum from 2005 for the same purpose. Based upon historical data, we generate approximately two million dollars annually from the full 1%.

In addition to the aforementioned monies available to us for this project, the Village does possess another source of funding in our Brown Street TIF District which can be found immediately adjacent to the proposed project location. If necessary I am confident that our TIF dollars could be used on this project as the improvements made to the underpass and the CTA will enhance the existing TIF area. We currently have ample increment in this TIF.

Forest Park is a non-home rule community with current annual revenues of approximately \$22,000,000.00. Over the last 5 years we have been able to keep our expenses under actual revenue. The dedicated revenue stream from the sales tax referendum along with responsible spending has resulted in strong fiscal management.

In summary, the Village of Forest Park clearly understands the financial commitment necessary for this project and we have a dedicated revenue source to meet that obligation. We look forward to working with the villages of Oak Park and River Forest in bringing this necessary project to fruition.

Please feel free to contact me directly should you have any questions or concerns about our role in this project.

Very truly,

Timothy E. Gillian
Village Administrator



Illinois Department of Transportation

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April 25, 2016

Honorable Anthony R. Foxx
Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, 9th Floor
Washington, D.C. 20590-9898

Dear Secretary Foxx:

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) recommends the "Harlem Avenue Multimodal Bridge Project" located in the Village of Oak Park, Illinois within Cook County. The project sponsor is the Village of Oak Park; however, partnering agencies include the Villages of River Forest and Forest Park. The Village of Oak Park is seeking \$20.9 million in "Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery" (TIGER VIII) grant funding in 2016. The total cost of the project is \$27 million (combination of TIGER and local funds).

The project consists of the replacement of the existing 113-year-old bridge (the existing underpass structure at Harlem Avenue) and the removal of the center and curb-line columns. The Villages of Oak Park, River Forest and Forest Park intersect the project location. The project is truly intermodal in nature and it will upgrade and replace a vital piece of infrastructure serving several transportation modes including automobiles, Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) trains, Metra commuter rail, several CTA and Pace bus routes, freight, pedestrian, and bicycle traffic.

The bridge, in its current configuration, is a pinch point for automobiles, buses and trucks, which restricts access through the local retail corridor extending from Madison to Lake Streets. The roadway under the bridge consists of four ten-foot lanes and has a posted vertical clearance of 14 feet (trucks periodically strike the bridge). The low clearance and pier columns of the bridge create a serious safety hazard.

This project meets U.S. Department of Transportation (US DOT) "Ladders of Opportunity" criteria by better connecting local and regional residents to jobs. Benefactors of these improvements include the everyday patrons of CTA, PACE, Metra, and pedestrians and cyclists.

IDOT recommends this request for TIGER VIII funds and encourages the U.S. DOT to consider this application.

Sincerely,

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Randall S. Blankenhorn
Secretary

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April 25, 2016

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

Re: Support for the Villages of Oak Park, River Forest, and Forest Park 2016 TIGER Grant
Application for the Harlem Avenue Multimodal Replacement Project

Dear Secretary Foxx:

On behalf of Union Pacific Railroad, I am writing in support of the TIGER grant application submitted by the Villages of Oak Park, River Forest, and Forest Park, Illinois, for the Harlem Avenue Multimodal Bridge Replacement Project.

The project is expected to provide local and regional mobility improvements needed for western Cook County to meet future economic, mobility, and community development goals. It will also provide positive impacts for rapid transit, commuter rail, buses, automobiles, pedestrians, cyclist, and freight rail traffic. Furthermore, it is expected to improve connections to jobs, education institutions, and other regional services.

Union Pacific has an excellent relationship with the Villages and looks forward to working with them if they are awarded a 2016 TIGER grant. Furthermore, we look forward to continuing to work with the parties involved to ensure the plans follow our engineering standards requirements and provide a safe stairway for our employees. Thank you for your consideration and please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Donna Kush



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March 23, 2016

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

Dear Secretary Foxx:

On behalf of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP), I am writing to support the TIGER grant application from the villages of Oak Park, River Forest, and Forest Park for the Harlem Avenue Multimodal Bridge Replacement project. Our hope is that TIGER will provide funding to this worthy project, which will create local and regional mobility improvements that are paramount to economic, mobility, and community development goals for Western Cook County for the 21st Century.

While enhancing regional mobility, access to jobs, and economic competitiveness, this project will have positive impacts for (1) rapid transit, (2) commuter Rail, (3) bus, (4) automobile, (5) pedestrian, (6) bicycle, and (7) freight traffic. The improvement of these facilities strengthens connections to jobs, education institutions, and other regional services.

I appreciate the opportunity to submit this letter, and please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this TIGER application.

Sincerely,

Joseph C. Szabo
Executive Director

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United States Senate
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April 15, 2016

The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590-0001

Dear Secretary Foxx,

I am writing in support of the villages of Oak Park, River Forest and Forest Park's application for \$20.897 million through the 2016 TIGER Grant Program administered through the U.S. Department of Transportation for the Harlem Avenue Multimodal Bridge Replacement Project.

The current bridge is functionally obsolete, deteriorated and in need of replacement. This project calls for the replacement of the existing bridge, widening the roadway to accommodate two 10-foot travel lanes in each direction and lowering the pavements to achieve additional vertical clearance. Other design elements such as improved sidewalks and LED lighting will also complement the expanding retail environment in the area.

The Harlem Avenue Multimodal Bridge Project is vital to the economic success of the villages of Oak Park, River Forest and Forest Park. This project will enhance regional mobility, improve access to jobs and generate economic competitiveness. This project will certainly allow for safer operations for all users of the bridge while providing additional capacity and enhancing the journeys of CTA, Metra and Pace customers.

I urge you to give this application the most serious consideration. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,



Richard J. Durbin
United States Senator

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PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

39TH DISTRICT

April 19, 2016

The Honorable Anthony R. Foxx, Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

I write in support of the 2016 TIGER Grant application submitted by the Villages of Oak Park, River Forest and Forest Park, Illinois, for the Harlem Avenue Multimodal Bridge Replacement project. If received, these funds will be dedicated to replacing the existing overpass bridge over Harlem Avenue, a principal arterial for western suburbs of Chicago.

Originally constructed in 1911, the current bridge configuration leads to congestion and inefficiencies for existing traffic patterns, and restricts access through the commercial corridors on the north and south sides of the intersection. Pedestrian facilities at the site are not ADA compliant and deteriorating sidewalks discourage pedestrian activity.

To address these problems, the proposed project includes the removal of the center and curblin columns. The roadway will also be widened to accommodate two 10-foot travel lanes in each direction, plus a new left turning lane. Pavements will be lowered to achieve a vertical clearance under the bridge of 14 feet, 9 inches. Intersection improvements will allow for increased capacity and safer operations for vehicles, pedestrians, buses, and trucks, which will enhance access to jobs, educational

institutions and commercial districts. Total project cost is estimated at roughly \$27 million. Project proponents are requesting an approximately \$21 million TIGER grant to supplement a combined local match of \$6 million.

Please accept this letter in support of the TIGER application submitted by these communities. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Don Harmon

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La Shawn K. Ford
State Representative
8th District

April 23, 2016

Mr. Anthony R. Foxx
Secretary of Transportation
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

Please find this letter in support of the grant application from Villages of Oak Park, River Forest, and Forest Park for the Harlem Avenue Multimodal Bridge Replacement project. It is our hope that FY 2016 TIGER program will provide funding to this project as it will create local and regional mobility improvements paramount to economic mobility, and community development goals of Western Cook County for the 21st Century.

This project will positive impacts for (1) rapid transit, (2) commuter rail, (3) bus, (4) automobile, (5) pedestrian, (6) bicycle, and (7) freight traffic enhancing regional mobility, access to jobs, and economic competitiveness. The improvement of these facilities improves connections to jobs, education institutions, and other regional services.

On behalf of the Illinois House of Representative, I thank you for the opportunity to submit this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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La Shawn K. Ford
State Representative – Eighth District

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EMANUEL C. WELCH
State Representative • 7th District

Mr. Anthony R. Foxx
Secretary of Transportation
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

Please find this letter in support of the grant application from Villages of Oak Park, River Forest, and Forest Park for the Harlem Avenue Multimodal Bridge Replacement project. It is our hope that FY 2016 TIGER program will provide funding to this project as it will create local and regional mobility improvements paramount to economic, mobility, and community development goals of Western Cook County for the 21st Century.

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I thank you for the opportunity to submit this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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Emanuel "Chris" Welch
State Representative, 7th District



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April 20, 2016

The Honorable Anthony R. Foxx
Secretary of Transportation
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: *Harlem Avenue Multimodal Bridge Replacement TIGER Grant Application*

Dear Secretary Foxx:

Please find this letter in support of the grant application from Villages of Oak Park, River Forest and Forest Park for the Harlem Avenue Multimodal Bridge Replacement project. It is our hope that the next TIGER program will provide funding to this project as it will create local and regional mobility improvements paramount to economic, mobility, and community development goals of Western Cook County for the 21st Century.

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On behalf of the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, I thank you for the opportunity to submit this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David E. Bennett".

David E. Bennett
Executive Director

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On behalf of the Downtown Oak Park business association, I thank you for the opportunity to submit this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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Max Austin Williams
Executive Director



Heidi Ruehle-May, President, Pleasant District Association
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21 March 2016

Mr. Anthony R. Foxx
Secretary of Transportation
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
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Dear Secretary Foxx:

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On behalf of the Pleasant District Association, I thank you for the opportunity to submit this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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Heidi Ruehle-May, President
Pleasant District Association of Oak Park, Illinois