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

Dear Secretary Foxx:

I am writing in support of the application submitted by the City of Arcata to the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant program.

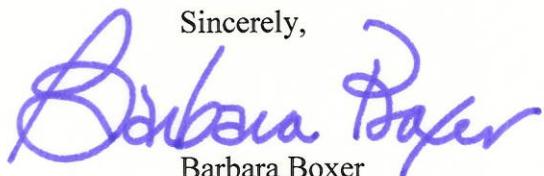
The City of Arcata has partnered with the California Coastal Conservancy, the North Coast Railroad Authority, the Humboldt County Association of Governments and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on the 4.5 mile Arcata Rail-with-Trail Connectivity Project.

The Rail-with-Trail Project calls for the construction of a pedestrian and bicycle trail alongside an existing rail corridor in order to offer additional options to area residents for commuting and recreation. The city estimates that more than 290,000 users per year will take advantage of the trail once it is completed.

If awarded this \$2.7 million grant, the City of Arcata will complete the final three miles of the Arcata Rail-with-Trail Connectivity Project in order to connect residential neighborhoods within Arcata city limits with the city's downtown and business districts as well as its local high school.

I thank you in advance for your consideration of this application. Should your staff have any questions, please feel free to contact my Field Representative, Brandon Ida, at (916) 448-2787.

Sincerely,



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