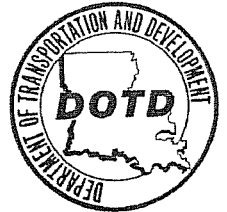




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The Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary LaHood:

It is my pleasure to submit the enclosed TIGER Discretionary Grant Application for the northern extension of Interstate 49 in Louisiana. This is the only application that has the full endorsement of Louisiana state government and the Department of Transportation and Development. The project has impressive benefits for both Louisiana and our nation, and can be constructed expeditiously. We are available to answer any questions the evaluation team may have.

Thanks

Very truly yours,

William D. Ankner, Ph.D.
Secretary

Enclosure