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Joseph Waggoner
Executive Director
Tampa-Hillsborough County Expressway Authority
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Dear Joseph,

I am writing in support for your American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant Program Application Submittal. The proposed Selmon Expressway Downtown Viaduct project will create new jobs, improve connectivity within the city and enhance emergency evacuation for Pinellas and Hillsborough Counties.

Your project includes a great element to enhance the community livability and sustainability for transportation in an urban setting - a greenway and multiuse trail that uses existing Expressway Authority rights-of-way to connect residents and visitors to downtown employment, entertainment, and educational venues.

The project supports a multimodal and integrated transportation system in downtown Tampa, it provides connectivity, and serves as an economic catalyst for both the City of Tampa and the West Central Florida region.

Again, I support the Tampa Hillsborough County Expressway Authority's TIGER Grant application for the Selmon Expressway Downtown Viaduct project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathy Castor".

Kathy Castor
Member of Congress

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