

# Congress of the United States

## House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

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7TH DISTRICT, NEW YORK

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

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I write in support of the New York City Department of Transportation's funding request in the fifth round of the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant program for the Tillary/Adams Street Area Reconstruction. This project will transform a heavily trafficked roadway into one that is a safer, more attractive community asset.

A major gateway to Downtown Brooklyn, the area serves nearly 2,000 cyclists, more than 10,000 pedestrians, and over 68,000 vehicles crossing the Brooklyn Bridge daily and spilling onto the Tillary Street intersection. City DOT's designs call for the reclamation of excess road space for the expansion of landscaping, new pedestrian sidewalks, and significant improvements for bicycle routes. These efforts will transform a dangerous and intimidating street into a vibrant and safe boulevard to further the rejuvenation of Downtown Brooklyn and better connect surrounding areas.

For these reasons and more I fully support the Tillary/Adams Street Reconstruction project. Should you require additional information please feel free to contact Dan Wiley of my staff at (718) 222-5819.

Sincerely,



Nydia M. Velázquez  
Member of Congress