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May 16, 2013

Joseph Palmieri  
Brooklyn Borough Commissioner  
NYC Dept. of Transportation  
16 Court Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11241

Dear Commissioner Palmieri,

I am writing to voice my support for the New York City Department of Transportation's (DOT) application to secure funding from the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grants program for the Tillary Street Reconstruction project in Brooklyn. As the Councilmember representing the 33<sup>rd</sup> District, which includes parts of Downtown Brooklyn, I know firsthand that Tillary Street is in great need of improvements.

Tillary Street is one of Brooklyn's most important thoroughfares, connecting Brooklyn Heights, Downtown Brooklyn, and Fort Greene. Additionally, Tillary Street serves as the approach to both the Brooklyn and Manhattan bridges and the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway. Tillary Street is a critical component of Brooklyn's civic center, as well, linking Brooklyn Borough Hall, Cadman Plaza, Metro Tech, the court houses and numerous parks. Not only does Tillary Street shuttle thousands of cars through Downtown Brooklyn every day, it provides an essential passageway for pedestrians.

The Tillary Street Reconstruction project is essential to the continued vibrancy of Downtown Brooklyn. By widening pedestrian pathways, increasing landscaped areas, and reconfiguring bicycle infrastructure, Tillary Street will transform from a congested thoroughfare into a true gateway to Brooklyn. The project will make the area more livable for residents, more accessible for visitors, and easier to navigate for motorists and cyclists.

I fully support the implementation of the Tillary Street Reconstruction project and hope to see it completed as soon as possible. I strongly encourage the United States Department of Transportation to provide funding through the TIGER grants program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen T. Levin".

Stephen Levin  
Councilmember, 33<sup>rd</sup> District

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