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**RE: TIGER Franklin Blvd. Reconstruction Project**

Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx  
Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Secretary Foxx:

This is a letter outlining the reasons for my support of the TIGER Reconstruction Project. I was born in Springfield in 1942 to a mother and father who built a thriving Sand and Gravel business on Franklin Boulevard in the early 1930's. I grew up in Glenwood which was then a thriving neighborhood that was beautiful and vibrant; a truly family-friendly community. Glenwood was an example of the fulfillment of the American dream: strong community identification, pride in the achievement of their children, and an optimism about the future of their neighborhood.

During the build-up to World War II, an air of energy and urgency permeated the nation. There was a growing recognition that the state of our road system impacted our ability to defend ourselves from foreign aggressors. Five million dollars was given to Oregon to upgrade the highway system. One million of those dollars was committed entirely to the Glenwood section of Highway 99. The highway was updated and it was pro-community in the best sense of the word. There were 4 lanes for traffic but there were also 2 lanes of parking and a median down the middle. People stopped, they shopped, and small family-friendly businesses poured into the community.

The world changed for the people of Glenwood in 1952 as the construction began on what would become the I-5 Glenwood bypass. This by-pass gradually changed the environment of the entire community. The highway became a "through-way" eliminating the previous community-friendly atmosphere. The parking and central median were eliminated and this street was converted into a sterile and unfriendly highway where the users of that highway rushed by -- on their way to "some-place-else." In addition, the type of businesses changed as the road system changed. Prior to the construction of the bypass, the businesses catered to the local residents. They could buy supplies at one of the three grocery stores or kids could spend their allowances at the local "Five and Dime" store. The three neighborhood grocery stores have now been replaced by three pawn shops.

The destruction of local communities is a sad and unintended legacy of the creation of our remarkable National Highway System. But now we have the opportunity to undo some of the unintended consequences to this small but brave community. Help bring Glenwood back and revitalize a formerly vibrant and vital segment of our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Moe", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

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