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The Honorable Anthony Foxx  
Secretary of Transportation  
United States Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
Washington, DC 20590-0001

Dear Secretary Foxx,

I write in support of the application submitted by the City of Kingston for funding from the TIGER Grant Program through the U.S. Department of Transportation. This funding will support the Kingston Connectivity Project, which aims to create a comprehensive bicycle path that will connect multiple trails leading to main destination areas.

The City of Kingston is located in Ulster County, New York and has a population of nearly 24,000 people. The City has adopted a comprehensive transportation plan that aims to improve local transportation and sustainability initiatives in their communities. Through this plan, they hope to improve the livability of the City and provide support for economic improvements by developing a regional rail trail network.

The requested funding will allow the City of Kingston to create a more livable and accessible community by bringing the active Walkkill Valley Rail Trail, O&W Rail Trail and proposed Kingston Point Rail Trail to a Midtown hub at the center of the City. This project will be accomplished by converting abandoned or underutilized railroad corridors for shared multimodal use as rail trails and through complete streets strategies along two main avenues. This multi-modal infrastructure will serve the needs of residents in the region by providing safe, universally accessible alternatives for moving about by bicycle, on foot and other non-motorized means while smoothing the flow of motorized vehicles through the City. It will also support a significant regional effort to create a rail trail network that serves as a transportation alternative and recreational amenity of national significance, presenting new opportunities for the region's tourism and recreation economy. This multi-modal transportation system will address all critical issues associated with the City of Kingston as well as make the entire region more livable, healthy, and economically strong.

I ask that you please give this application your full consideration. If you have any questions, or desire further information, please do not hesitate to contact my staff member Andrew Usyk at (202) 224-4451.

Sincerely,



Kirsten Gillibrand  
United States Senator