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The Honorable Ray LaHood
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Dear Secretary LaHood,

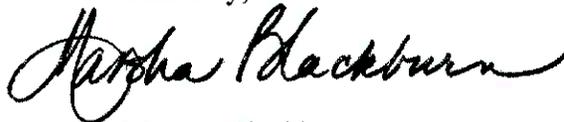
I am writing in strong support of the TIGER grant application being submitted by the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) for improving the US 64 Corridor in Tennessee.

This corridor is a major east-west highway connecting the small towns and rural communities along the southern section of Tennessee between Memphis and Chattanooga. This important project would build four new US 64 segments, totaling 20.09 miles, in Hardeman, Lawrence, and Wayne Counties.

Completion of this corridor improvement will relieve future traffic congestion, provide a safer and more efficient transportation facility for the motoring public, and will enhance the potential for economic development. These transportation projects would provide both short-term and long-term benefits to this economically disadvantaged and distressed section of rural Tennessee.

Thank you for your consideration of this application.

Sincerely,



Marsha Blackburn
Member of Congress