

United States Senate

April 17, 2014

The Honorable Anthony Foxx
United States Secretary of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

Making cities desirable and convenient places to live, work and play attracts businesses, retail stores and service industries. Because the quality of life in our cities is important to the well-being of our citizens as well as our economy, I support the 2014 TIGER Grant application from IndyGo in partnership with the Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization.

As the capitol of Indiana has grown, the city has become increasingly reliant on automobiles for transportation and residents have migrated to the beautiful and affordable suburbs. In order to offer transportation alternatives and keep employers and the critical tax base in the city, IndyGo and the cities of Indianapolis, Carmel, Greenwood and Westfield have partnered to implement the plan which resulted from a 2013 transportation alternatives analysis. The solution was a detailed vision for transportation improvements, called Indy Connect, which is multi-faceted in order to maximize personal mobility options.

The first project in Indy Connect's plan is the 28-mile Red Line which will connect the region's most vibrant neighborhoods, institutions of higher learning, major employers and major entertainment destinations such as professional sports stadiums and the busy convention center. In addition, major employers will be on the route so that the Red Line will connect to 20% of the jobs in Central Indiana.

Because the Red Line plan is ready for implementation and is a critical part of the overall Indy Connect regional transit plan, I respectfully request that you give the IndyGo's application full and fair consideration, in a manner consistent with U.S. law and public policy. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Joe Donnelly
United States Senator