

CITY OF TALLAHASSEE - LEON COUNTY  
**BLUEPRINT**  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGENCY **2000**  
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September 10, 2009

Raymond H. LaHood, Secretary  
United States Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.  
Washington, DC 20590

Attention: TIGER Discretionary Grant Review Team

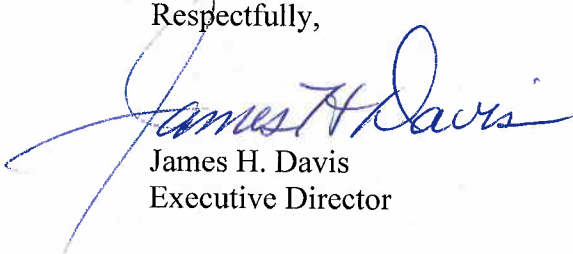
Dear Secretary LaHood:

The Blueprint 2000 Intergovernmental Agency is excited to submit this Application to fund construction on a portion of Capital Circle Northwest/Southwest in Tallahassee/Leon County, Florida. The Capital Circle project is this area's number one roadway priority. This project is a critical element in our community's efforts to attract economic development and to create high value jobs in the southwest quadrant and at the Tallahassee Regional Airport. The project is an example of innovation and intergovernmental cooperation. It supports short and long-term job creation, and provides intermodal linkages and environmental benefits for the region as desired by the TIGER Guidelines.

The downturn in the National and local economy has required this sales-tax funded Agency to remove over \$140 million in projects from our Program's Master Plan, including this segment of roadway. Significant local and state funding has been spent on project planning, design, and right-of-way. Receipt of \$15 million in TIGER Discretionary Grant funding will allow this Capital Circle segment, which is ready for construction, to be completed as originally planned.

Thank you for your consideration of the area's funding request. A TIGER Grant link is provided on the Blueprint 2000 Homepage ([www.blueprint2000.org](http://www.blueprint2000.org)). Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Respectfully,



James H. Davis  
Executive Director