



NC Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

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Honorable Anthony Foxx  
US Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Secretary Foxx,

The North Carolina Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is pleased to offer this letter of support for the 2016 TIGER Discretionary Grant Program application from the Town of Cary, North Carolina.

The Town of Cary has developed an application for the following project:

**Walker Street Extension:** This project is approximately 0.20 miles in length and will extend from Chatham Street to Chapel Hill Road in downtown Cary. The roadway extension will include bike lanes and wide pedestrian sidewalks. A railroad grade-separation bridge will be provided for CSXT Rail, Norfolk Southern Rail, North Carolina Railroad, and Triangle Transit.

This project will provide safety benefits associated with rail traffic separation, relieve area-wide congestion, improve emergency vehicle response, and enhance economic re-development in downtown Cary.

The MPO supported the TIGER II and TIGER III applications for this project in years 2010 and 2011 respectively; and continues to see significant benefits to rail traffic, motor vehicles, bicyclists and pedestrians should this project be selected for funding.

Based on knowledge of the project and a review of the 2016 TIGER Discretionary Grant Program requirements, the MPO fully supports the Town of Cary, North Carolina in their efforts to obtain a 2016 TIGER Grant for the Walker Street Extension project.

Sincerely,

Dick Sears, Chair  
Transportation Advisory Committee  
NC Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization