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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
28TH DISTRICT, NEW YORK

January 18, 2012

Honorable Raymond LaHood
Secretary
Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue
Washington, District of Columbia 20590-0001

Re: Broad Street Two-Way Conversion Project

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I am writing to you to extend my strong support for New York State Department of Transportation's (NYSDOT) application on behalf of the City of Rochester for the above mentioned project.

The Broad Street Two-Way Conversion Project would transform Broad Street from a one-way arterial to a two-way street and provide much needed pedestrian and traffic safety features including improved sidewalks, street lighting, traffic control and bicycle lanes.

An important aspect of this project is improved access to the former Midtown Mall site located in downtown Rochester. Recently the City of Rochester, working with New York State, removed a large portion of the aging, largely vacant indoor mall while salvaging two buildings on the site for development. Plans call for a mixed use redevelopment of the Midtown tower including 200 housing units. An anchor tenant has been identified for the other structure, the Seneca Building. The Broad Street Two-Way Conversion Project would do much to encourage the adaptive reuse of Midtown by improving vehicle access and facilitating pedestrian and bike traffic.

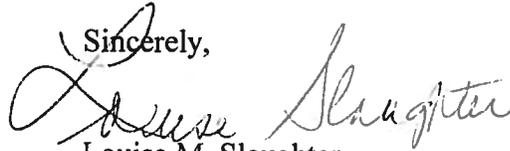
A stated goal of the Transportation Community and System Preservation Program (TCSP) is to ensure efficient access to jobs. What better way to achieve this goal than to encourage housing development near downtown jobs. Not only will this reduce wear and tear on our roads and environmental impact but it will reinvigorate the center city.

I am impressed by the leverage that TCSP would achieve through investment in this project. The City of Rochester plans to contribute well in excess of the required local match of 20%.

Additional leverage would be gained from private sector development and job creation made possible by this strategic infrastructure investment.

Once again, I am pleased to write in support of NYSDOT's proposal on behalf of the City of Rochester and ask that their application be given full and careful consideration. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Louise Slaughter". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Louise M. Slaughter
Member of Congress