

United States Senate

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August 17, 2016

Mr. Dana Gresham
Assistant Secretary for Government Affairs
Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue Southeast
Washington, District of Columbia 20590

Dear Assistant Secretary Gresham:

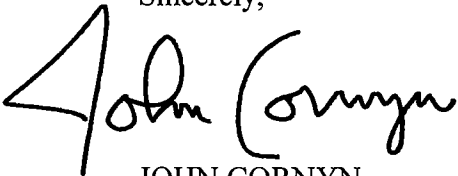
I am writing to express my support for the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) II grant application submitted to the Department of Transportation by the Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority (CCRMA).

As you and your staff review the proposal, I trust you will give full consideration to the many strengths of this application. As you know, the CCRMA, in partnership with Cameron County, the City of Brownsville, the Texas Department of Transportation, the Brownsville Navigation District (the Port) and partners in Mexico is requesting \$23 million in TIGER II funding for the East Loop project in Brownsville, Texas. The project aims to improve the flow of trade and commerce from the Port to industrial facilities in South Texas and Northern Mexico. The new transportation and trade corridor will remove heavy truck traffic from an often congested street in the City thus improving safety for local residents, while also reducing traffic congestion. The requested funding will also improve the area's quality of life, and create an environment favorable to enhanced trade and economic development.

I would appreciate your efforts to ensure that I am kept informed as to the progress of this application. Please contact Andrew Blaylock, my Grants Coordinator, with any developments regarding this proposal as soon as they are available.

Thank you for your assistance and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Cornyn". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "J".

JOHN CORNYN
United States Senator

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