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TIGER Discretionary Grants Administrator
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: GHMPO Spout Springs Road Widening Grant Application

Dear TIGER Review Committee Members:

Please allow this letter to serve as our expression of support on behalf of the Gainesville-Hall County Metropolitan Planning Organization's efforts to secure TIGER Discretionary grant funding for the Spout Springs Road widening project. It is one of two major projects substantially funded by local option sales tax revenue. This much-needed project in the most rapidly growing portion of our Economically Distressed county furthers the several aims of the TIGER grant program and is consistent with objectives of the nation's ARRA of 2009 overall program.

Hall County is a regional employment center in northeast Georgia and was the 3rd fastest growing MSA in the country for 2007-2008. We anticipate further substantial growth and believe this project merits federal assistance because of the community's demonstrated commitment of resources, lack of State funds, and ability of this project to promote immediate and sustained job-creation.

This widening project will enhance the response capabilities for fire and EMS personnel in an exploding portion of Hall County. The emergency response providers wholeheartedly endorse this project.

Thank you for your consideration of this project.

Sincerely,

David Kimbrell
Fire Chief
Emergency Management Director