



May 31, 2013

**Re: Support for TIGER Funding for the “Glen Cove Connector Road & Walkway” Project**

Ladies and Gentlemen of the U.S. Department of Transportation:

The Tri-State Transportation Campaign, a non-profit transportation policy watchdog organization in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut, writes in support of the City of Glen Cove’s TIGER application for its Waterfront Connector project.

The City of Glen Cove has partnered with public, private, and community organizations to reclaim a 52 acre waterfront parcel affected by blight, industrial contamination, and disuse, and return it to public use and benefit. Glen Cove’s efforts have resulted in a landmark brownfield redevelopment project known as “Glen Isle”, which has been designated by the Long Island Economic Development Council and Long Island Regional Planning Council as a Project of Regional Significance and will provide major intermodal transportation connectivity, job creation, environmental and community restoration, improved public access to the waterfront, and other benefits to Glen Cove and to the New York metropolitan region. The success of this project relies heavily on the completion of a critical transportation corridor, the Glen Cove Waterfront Connector.” The Connector is comprised of a roadway reconstruction and associated public bicycle/pedestrian walkway, linking the Long Island Rail Road train system between Long Island and New York City, the future Glen Cove Ferry into Manhattan/LaGuardia Airport, the Nassau Inter-County Express public bus system, and the City of Glen Cove Bus Circulator, all within a walk or shuttle of the Glen Isle redevelopment.

Glen Cove has already secured funding from City, State and Federal agencies and the project developer to cover \$20 million of this total \$30 million project. The City of Glen Cove’s TIGER application in the amount of \$10 million, will serve as an important resource to improve the livability and walkability of Glen Cove’s downtown, foster more multi-modal transportation options and enhance the economic competitiveness of the City and the region.

Tri-State encourages you to give Glen Cove’s application the highest consideration for TIGER grant funding. Thank you for your consideration of this project, and please contact Ryan Lynch—[rynych@tstc.org](mailto:rynych@tstc.org) or 212.268.7474—if you wish to confirm our support for this project.

Sincerely,

Veronica Vanterpool  
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