

**Letters of Support**  
**Lebanon, NH – Hartford, VT TIGER 9 Grant Application**

State of NH Governor Christopher Sununu

US Senator, State of NH, Senator Jeanne Shaheen

US Senator, State of NH, Senator Margaret Hassan

US Congress State of NH, Congresswoman Ann McLane Kuster

State of NH Executive Councilor Joseph D. Kenney

State of Vermont, Secretary of Transportation, Joe Flynn

Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission, Executive Director Steven Schneider

Two Rivers-Ottawquechee Regional Commission, Executive Director Peter Gregory

City of Lebanon, Interim City Manager, Paula Mayville



**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU  
Governor

October 16, 2017

Secretary Elaine L. Chao  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

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Christopher T. Sununu  
Governor

CC: Commissioner Victoria Shaheen, NH DOT  
Secretary Joseph Flynn, VTrans

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

October 20, 2017

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U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
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Dear Secretary Chao,

I write in support of the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER 9) Discretionary Grant proposal submitted by the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NH DOT) for the “*I-89 Lebanon-Hartford Bridge Project*.” NH DOT and its partners in Vermont would use these funds to rehabilitate two regionally significant Interstate Bridges that cross the Connecticut River and connect Vermont and New Hampshire.

These bridges carry Interstate-89, a vital highway in New Hampshire that links the western part of the state to Vermont and into Canada. As part of an international trade route corridor connecting New England with Canadian markets, they are used heavily by freight traffic that would need to detour 50 miles if the bridges were not there. In addition to serving commuter and freight traffic, these bridges are also crucial to the connectivity, economic vitality, and quality of life for both New Hampshire and Vermont. Businesses in the area utilize these bridges daily to facilitate delivery of goods and services throughout the region, and they serve as a link for retail, tourism, and service industries to the downtown areas of Lebanon, New Hampshire and White River Junction, Vermont.

Built in 1966, these bridges have withstood 50 years of heavy traffic and a harsh northern climate. The deterioration has progressed to the extent where they are structurally-deficient. This project will replace the existing deck and superstructure and widen the current bridges, essentially replacing them with a new combined structure. Roadway safety will also be improved by eliminating substandard ramp merge distances and providing standard shoulder width.

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Sincerely,



Jeanne Shaheen  
United States Senator

CC: Commissioner Victoria Shaheen, NH DOT  
Secretary Joseph Flynn, VTTrans

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With every good wish,



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Margaret Wood Hassan  
United States Senator

CC: Commissioner Victoria Shaheen, NH DOT  
Secretary Joseph Flynn, VTrans



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Mr. Robert Mariner  
Deputy Director  
United States Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington D.C. 20590

Dear Mr. Mariner,

I write in support of the Town of Lebanon's application for the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grant program. This funding will be used to revamp the Lebanon – Hartford Bridge that connects New Hampshire and Vermont over the Connecticut River.

This bridge carries over 41,000 cars between the two states on an average every day. The bridge is also structurally deficient due to the harsh weather often seen in our region of the country. It is vitally important that funding be granted to preserve this main artery for the regional economy. It will improve safety by both replacing the existing deck and the superstructure, and also by adding a 10 foot auxiliary lane.

Since my first term in office, I have been committed to making sure New Hampshire has the resources it needs to support a thriving and growing economy. Many of our towns and cities throughout the Granite State and across the nation have suffered economic setbacks over recent years. This bridge, which is along I-89, is critical for the movement of people and goods locally, regionally and internationally. I-89 is part of the major Boston to Montreal international trade route corridor. It serves as a connection between I-91 and I-93, which connects New England with Canadian trade markets, as well as New England's major seaports and intermodal facilities. Without the bridge, freight traffic would need to detour 50 or more miles and rely on secondary highways to complete this route.

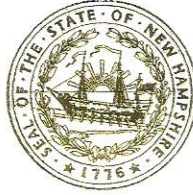
If I can do anything more to help with the town of Lebanon's application process, please do not hesitate to contact Bobby Graham in my office at (603) 595-2006 or [Robert.Graham@mail.house.gov](mailto:Robert.Graham@mail.house.gov). Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ann McLane Kuster  
Member of Congress

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
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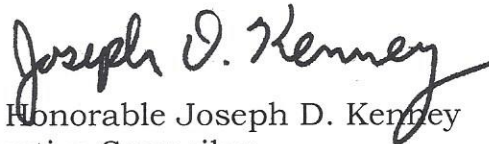


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Sincerely,



The Honorable Joseph D. Kenney  
Executive Councilor

CC: Commissioner Victoria Shaheen, NH DOT  
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Joe Flynn

Secretary of Transportation

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Upper Valley Lake Sunapee  
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Respectfully,



Steven P. Schneider  
Executive Director

CC: Commissioner Victoria Shaheen, NH DOT  
Secretary Joseph Flynn, VTrans

October 23, 2017

The Honorable Elaine Chao, Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, D.C 20590

Dear Madam Secretary,

This letter is in support of the joint TIGER 9 grant application with Vermont and New Hampshire to rehabilitate the I-89 Lebanon-Hartford Bridge for the following reasons:

We understand that the bridge dates back 1966 and is in poor condition. As a consequence of its age and harsh northern climate, the deterioration has progressed to the extent that it is now considered structurally deficient. This project will rehabilitate the structure and improve its reliability.

The project is a major priority for both NH and VT, and represents a cooperative partnership the two states. \$10 million in TIGER funds is being requested.

The bridge is a critical facility for the movement of people and goods locally, regionally and internationally. It is the major Boston to Montreal international trade route corridor, and serves as a connection between I-91 and I-93, which connects New England with Canadian trade markets. It is also a major connector to New England's major seaports and intermodal facilities. Without the bridge, freight traffic would need to detour 50 or more miles and rely on secondary highways.

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Thank you for your time and support.

Sincerely,



Peter G. Gregory, AICP  
Executive Director

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Woodstock, VT 05091  
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William B. Emmons, III, Chair  
Peter G. Gregory, AICP, Executive Director

# City of Lebanon



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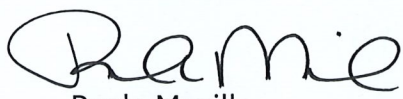


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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paula Maville". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Paula Maville  
Interim City Manager

CC: Commissioner Victoria Shaheen, NH DOT  
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