



OFFICE OF THE BROOKLYN BOROUGH PRESIDENT

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Joseph Palmieri  
Brooklyn Borough Commissioner  
New York City Department of Transportation  
16 Court Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11241

Dear Borough Commissioner Palmieri:

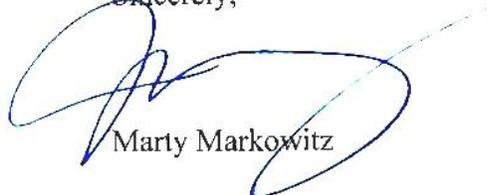
Once again, I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the New York City Department of Transportation's (DOT's) efforts to secure funding from the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grants program, this time for round five, for the Tillary Street Reconstruction project in Brooklyn.

As you know and as I've written in the past, Tillary Street is one of Brooklyn's most important roadways, connecting the neighborhoods of Brooklyn Heights, Downtown Brooklyn, and Fort Greene, while also functioning as a busy collector-road for traffic coming to and from the Brooklyn and Manhattan bridges and the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway. Tillary Street is also a critical piece of Brooklyn's civic center; a boulevard bounding the core section of Downtown Brooklyn that encompasses Brooklyn Borough Hall, Cadman Plaza, Metro Tech and adjoining memorials and parks. It is in this respect that Tillary Street is much more than a busy thoroughfare but is also a gateway for the thousands of visitors and tourists coming to Brooklyn to shop, dine, stay in hotels, and take in museum and cultural attractions.

The Tillary Street Reconstruction project will transform this roadway into a place that continues to serve the traffic and transportation needs of this busy section of Brooklyn while finally giving it the design treatment to make it worthy of its location and role as a civic gateway. DOT's designs call for the reclamation of excess road space for the expansion of landscaping, pedestrian sidewalks, and significant improvements to bicycle infrastructure. This design's fulfillment will transform a hazardous and uninviting street into a vibrant, safe, and exciting boulevard that will reinforce Brooklyn's increasing role as an economic engine for regional tourism, and commercial and residential development.

I am eager to see this plan implemented and hope that the United States Department of Transportation funds this important local project through its TIGER grants program.

Sincerely,



Marty Markowitz

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