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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:

I write in support of the New York City Department of Transportation's (DOT) application to the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant program in order to secure funding for the Tillary Street Reconstruction project.

Tillary Street serves not only as an access road to the borough's two main bridges, but as a connection to many of Brooklyn's neighborhoods and attractions. Simply put, Tillary Street is a crucial artery in Brooklyn's traffic circulation system. The success of Downtown Brooklyn depends on the efficiency of travel between Brooklyn Heights, Fort Green, and Brooklyn Bridge Park. Without traffic calming, Tillary Street will be unable to continue functioning as a Gateway for visitors, tourists, and residents.

The Tillary Street Reconstruction Project seeks to fundamentally change the planning of the street. DOT's plans focus on putting excess road space to use for safer and less cumbersome pedestrian walkways and bike lanes in addition to improved turning signage. If funded, the project will have an immediate impact, decreasing traffic congestion in the neighborhood and making a major thoroughfare much more accessible.

Given the opportunity presented here, I hope the United States Department of Transportation will consider funding this project with a TIGER grant. Please feel free to contact Belinda Cape in my office at (212) 298-5565 or at [belinda@danielsquadron.org](mailto:belinda@danielsquadron.org). Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Daniel Squadron  
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