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The Honorable Richard G. Lugar
United States Senator
306 Hart Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20510

RE: FY'11 Appropriations Process

Dear Senator Lugar:

In anticipation of the upcoming appropriations process, please accept this letter as a formal request to be considered for federal funding in the **FY'11 appropriations cycle**.

For the most part, the City has kept up with its needs as we continue to grow. Unfortunately, we must look for other sources of funding to cover expenses relating to that growth as we strive to do what is best for our City and community. With your help, it is our hope that we can continue to provide for the infrastructure and safety concerns that assist in positive growth.

Set forth below is a general description of the projects for which we are requesting your help in acquiring federal funding:

I-74/Fairland Road (Exit 109) Interchange Study: The City is contemplating the construction of a new parkway along the western side of the City (the "Westside Parkway") that would transect the area surrounding the current I-74/Fairland Road interchange. Ultimately, the proposed Westside Parkway would provide a strong link from I-74 to State Road 9 along the northern portion of the City, as well as a key link from I-74 to State Road 44 along the western portion of the City. An evaluation of the Exit 109 interchange by an outside consulting firm, in conjunction with plans for the Westside Parkway, revealed the following deficiencies with the current Exit 109 interchange: (i) unsafe configuration and circulation patterns at the interchange with poor viewing angles and no night time lighting; (ii) CR 400N, a minor arterial road, has an awkward angle with I-74, creating difficult turning radii issues; (iii) designed for rural traffic, not

heavier traffic of industrial distribution and commercial activity which are currently using the interchange and which are projected to increase in the future; and (iv) confusing configuration and limited signage for travelers unfamiliar with the area. In addition, Shelby County is in the process of widening the existing County Road 400 North ("CR 400N"), which forms the east-west overpass of the existing Exit 109 configuration, from a point just west of the Exit 109 interchange to the Shelby County-Johnson County line.

In order to incorporate any potential modifications to the I-74/Fairland Road Interchange into the proposed Westside Parkway, the City would like to conduct a feasibility study of the redesign and/or relocation of the I-74/Fairland Road Interchange. ***Accordingly, we are requesting \$1,000,000 in federal funding to conduct a feasibility study of the redesign and/or relocation of this interchange.***

800 MHz Radios for Project Hoosier SAFE-T: The City is still in the process of acquiring, constructing, and implementing an 800 MHz radio system as part of the "Hoosier Project SAFE-T." In short, Hoosier Project SAFE-T is a statewide, interoperable wireless public safety communications goal for local, state, and federal first responders/public safety officials, that is being coordinated by the Integrated Public Safety Commission. SAFE-T operates on an 800 MHz voice and data communication system, supporting both analog and digital radios and providing 95% mobile radio coverage statewide using 126 communications sites connected by T-1 lines and microwave radio. Although the State initially sought to assist all counties with the costs of implementing the system throughout the State, it has fallen short of its goal given decreased tax revenues.

Presently, the City is working with Shelby County towards a fully operational system. In order to acquire the necessary equipment to implement the system within the boundaries of the City, it is projected that the cost to the City alone would be approximately \$8 million. However, the City and Shelby County have agreed to jointly implement Project Hoosier SAFE-T, thereby reducing the City's cost to \$1.5 million. Accordingly, the City is requesting additional funding to assist with the purchase of interoperability infrastructure in order to connect to the SAFE-T network. ***Accordingly, the City respectfully requests \$750,000 in federal appropriations towards its continued goal of a fully operational and effective interoperable public safety system.***

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Thank you for your consideration and assistance with these important economic development and public safety projects. As always, we look forward to working with you and members of your staff throughout this appropriations process. If you have any questions or would like any additional information on any of these projects or the City itself, please contact me at (317) 398-6624, or via e-mail at sfurgeson@cityofshelbyvillein.com.

Very truly yours,

CITY OF SHELBYVILLE

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Scott Furgeson".

Scott Furgeson, Mayor