



September 23, 2009

The Honorable Kay Hagan
United States Senate
B-40A Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Hagan,

The City of Charlotte is greatly concerned about the potential rescission of federal highway funds unless Congress acts to delay or void the rescission before the October 1 deadline.

The estimated \$250 million loss to North Carolina is projected to include at least \$3.3 million in direct funding to the City of Charlotte through special planning and air quality grants.

We continue to promote federal stimulus funding for infrastructure improvements and accompanying construction jobs. Therefore, it is difficult to understand how significant transportation building funds are subject to disappear because of a technical rescission requirement in the existing transportation bill which expires September 30.

Please support efforts to eliminate the impending rescission of federal highway dollars. Should you need specific examples of local projects impacted by the rescission, please call our Transportation Director, Danny Pleasant, at (704) 336-3879 or dpleasant@ci.charlotte.nc.us.

Sincerely,

W. Curtis Walton, Jr.
City Manager

C: Mayor and City Council
Danny Pleasant