

City of Gardner, *Executive Department*



Mark Hawke, Mayor

September 4, 2009

Mohammed Khan
Administrator
MART
1427R Water St.
Fitchburg, MA 01420

Dear Mr. Khan:

This is to support MART's application for a Federal TIGER Discretionary Grant for the Fitchburg Commuter Rail Extension to Wachusett (Fitchburg Industrial Area at Rte. 2/31) and a layover facility in Westminster.

The project will help in our regional economic development and improvement of industrial growth in the Fitchburg/Westminster region. It is also my understanding that the future extension of the commuter rail to Gardner will be seriously considered at a later date. The commuters primarily west of Fitchburg, such as, Westminster, Gardner and the surrounding areas along Route 2 will significantly benefit from the new station proposed at Wachusett area.

I request the project be funded through the TIGER Program.

Sincerely,

Mayor Mark Hawke
City of Gardner

Cc Congressman John Olver
 Secretary James Aloisi, EOT-PW