

Appendix B: Letters of Support

Letters of support have been included from the following parties:

- 1 Governor Beshear and Governor Daniels
- 2 Mayor Abramson – Louisville, Kentucky
- 3 Mayor Eberle – City of Prospect, Kentucky
- 4 Mayor England – Civil City of New Albany, Indiana
- 5 Senator Bayh (Indiana)
- 6 Senator Lugar (Indiana)
- 7 State Representative Hill (Kentucky – House District 9)
- 8 State Representative Clere (Indiana – House District 72)
- 9 State Representative Stemler (Indiana – House District 71)
- 10 Advanced Manufacturing & Logistics Network
- 11 Genentech
- 12 Greater Louisville Inc.
- 13 Hispanic Latino Business Council
- 14 Kentuckians for Better Transportation
- 15 One Southern Indiana
- 16 River Ridge Commerce Center
- 17 The Bridges Coalition
- 18 Town of Clarksville



STEVEN L. BESHEAR
GOVERNOR
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
700 CAPITOL AVENUE, SUITE 100
FRANKFORT, KY 40601



MITCHELL E. DANIELS, JR.
GOVERNOR
STATE OF INDIANA
STATEHOUSE, ROOM 206
INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204

August 20, 2010

The Honorable Ray H. LaHood
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: TIGER II Grant Application—Louisville-Southern Indiana Ohio River Bridges Project

Dear Secretary LaHood:

We join once again in writing to you to express our support for the Ohio River Bridges Project—this time in connection with our states' effort to secure funding for the project through the National Infrastructure Investments program under the fiscal year 2010 Appropriations Act (also known as the TIGER II Discretionary Grant program). This effort is being coordinated through the Louisville and Southern Indiana Bridges Authority, the bi-state authority we organized earlier this year to deliver a financial plan for the project.

Because we are well aware of your familiarity with the project, we will not dwell on a detailed description of its features and merits. Suffice it to say that, as we observed in our letter of May 27, 2010, the project affords the opportunity to deliver a much-needed (and long-awaited) cross-river mobility solution to address severe congestion and highway safety problems in the greater Louisville area and to bring existing highway facilities back to a state of good repair and improved safety. Since we last wrote to you, for example, the Kennedy Interchange, also known as "Spaghetti Junction" (where I-65, I-64 and I-71 converge near downtown Louisville), has been cited as one of the worst bottlenecks among all highway interchanges in the nation. Particularly at peak times, commuter and commercial traffic grinds to a standstill in this junction, creating adverse air quality issues, disrupting commerce, and threatening to choke off economic vitality in the regions served by this critical transportation corridor of the country. Traffic accidents occur in this interchange at twice the rate they do on highways elsewhere in Kentucky.

The project has the very strong potential to make Louisville and surrounding communities more livable for those who cross the Ohio River (or just travel into downtown Louisville) to commute to work or meet other everyday travel needs and who now face an unreliable and unsafe trip each morning and evening. In addition to adding new road capacity to address the project's purpose and need as outlined in the 2003 Record of Decision, the project will feature new pedways and enhanced bus service that will expand the range of transportation alternatives available to citizens in the greater Louisville area.

The project also has the promise of driving substantial economic growth and job creation, thus supporting the overall recovery and long-term economic competitiveness of the nation as a whole. We very much appreciate the fact that you recently selected the Louisville and southern Indiana metro area as one of five locations around the country to host demonstration programs for Disadvantaged Business Enterprises. It is our hope that the bridges project will be a key catalyst for creating those very types of opportunities—and to begin to do so soon, if we can expedite its development into the delivery phase.

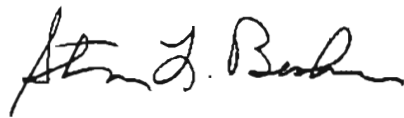
We are very pleased with the progress our states and our bi-state authority have made over these last few months to advance the project, which continues to enjoy widespread support and which, through an unprecedented level of collaboration and commitment, appears closer to becoming a reality than ever before.

We understand that the grant for which this application is being submitted will be used for "TIGER II TIFIA Payments," as our states and the bi-state authority believe this has the opportunity to provide the most financial benefit to the project. While the amount requested represents only a very small percentage of the cost of the project (which is \$4.1 billion under current estimates), we further understand that the potential leverage available by using this grant to pay the subsidy cost of federal credit assistance could allow the project to secure a TIFIA loan in an amount equal to a much larger share of the total project cost. This approach assumes, however, that any such TIFIA loan would be part of a financial plan that relies on user fees as a funding source. Therefore, we also take this opportunity to reiterate our earlier support for the bi-state authority's expression of interest, and we respectfully request your assistance in getting a swift and clear response from the Department in that regard.

The project's receipt of a TIGER II grant for this purpose would enhance the current effort to deliver a viable financial plan that will be capable of attracting other sources of funding and hastening the start date for eventual project delivery.

Your attention to our request for participation of the Ohio River Bridges Project in the TIGER II Discretionary Grant program is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Steven L. Beshear
Governor
Commonwealth of Kentucky



Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.
Governor
State of Indiana



LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

JERRY E. ABRAMSON
MAYOR

August 18, 2010

The Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: TIGER II Grant-Ohio River Bridges Project

Dear Secretary LaHood:

On behalf of the City of Louisville, I join with the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the State of Indiana in requesting a Tiger II Grant for the Ohio River Bridges Project (ORBP). This comprehensive transportation solution will resolve one of the most challenging traffic congestion and safety challenges facing both Kentucky and Indiana.

Without the additional cross-river transportation improvements embodied in the ORBP, Louisville may soon become a chokepoint that slows commerce throughout this portion of the United States. Because we have only two interstate bridges across the Ohio River – one of which is already above capacity – the entire region is vulnerable.

Our citizens' daily mobility and our region's commerce is already stymied by a functionally obsolete network of aging, deficient bridges and increasingly unsafe highways. This project will lay the foundation for improving the region's transportation infrastructure for the future.

The project has three central components:

- Constructing a new bridge to connect Southern Indiana and Louisville's east end, filling a major gap in the region's transportation circuit;
- Building a new downtown bridge that will increase mobility between downtown Louisville and Jeffersonville, Indiana, which will alleviate congestion and gridlock that currently occur during peak travel times; and
- Rebuilding the downtown Louisville interchange of I-64, I-65 and I-71, known as Spaghetti Junction, which was recently ranked as one of the country's worst traffic interchanges.

Completion of this project is critical to maintaining this region's economic competitiveness, and it is essential to support the logistics and healthcare industries – Louisville's top employers. It will improve our citizens' quality of life by adding capacity for

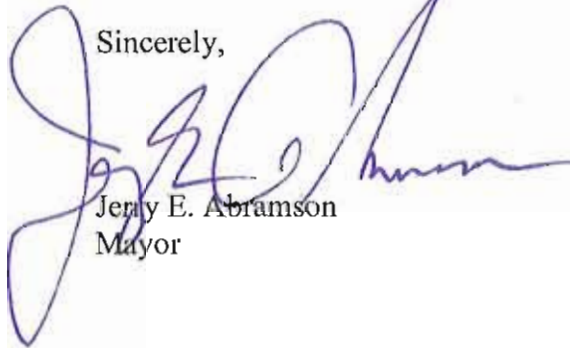
The Honorable Ray LaHood
Page 2
August 18, 2010

environmentally friendly mass-transit and high-occupancy lanes and will reduce greenhouse gas emissions from idling and slow moving traffic.

As you witnessed during your visit to our region earlier this year, this project enjoys unprecedented support from local, industry and governmental leaders from both states and will provide a needed economic boost by creating more than 56,000 jobs.

I am pleased and proud of the progress we have made in continuing to move this project forward. The award of a TIGER II grant would further strengthen efforts underway to develop an innovative financial plan to attract private sector funding and hasten the start date for construction. Your assistance in making this happen is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jerry E. Abramson", is written over a light blue rectangular background.

Jerry E. Abramson
Mayor



City of Prospect

9200 U.S. Highway 42 · Post Office Box 1 · Prospect, KY 40059
(502) 228-1121 · Fax (502) 228-9542

Todd B. Eberle
Mayor

August 21, 2010

The Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary, US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: TIGER II Grant for the Ohio River Bridges Project

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I am writing on behalf of the City of Prospect, Kentucky in support of the request of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the State of Indiana for a Tiger II Grant to fund the Ohio River Bridges Project (ORBP). The City of Prospect is a suburban city within Jefferson County, Kentucky and Louisville Metro Government. We are situated on the Ohio River at the location of one of the two bridges to be built in the ORBP. Both the city's former mayor and I have long supported the comprehensive traffic solution for Kentucky and Indiana which the ORBP provides. Prospect's residents and officials have been directly involved with the bridges project for over 15 years. Public meetings have always been well attended and it is widely perceived that additional studies would serve only to increase the costs of the project in time and dollars.

The specifics of the ORBP are designed to improve cross-river traffic mobility between Kentucky and Indiana. The Project is essential to the safety, well-being and economic health of the region's residents and the thousands of motorists who utilize the three interstates which will be served by the bridges. Included in the project is construction of a new "east end" bridge connecting eastern Jefferson County, Kentucky with counties in southern Indiana, completing the region's I-265 loop and shortening travel distances; as well as a new "downtown" bridge span easing traffic patterns, eliminating congestion and improving air quality in downtown Louisville and southern Indiana. Improving the downtown intersection of north-south routes I-71 and I-65 and east-west route I-64 (commonly referred to as "Spaghetti Junction") is equally important as construction of the east end bridge. The ORBP Project has provided a well conceived and long-needed overall plan to resolve chronic problems created by an outdated transportation scheme. There is a critical need to complete construction of the bridges and provide the growing metropolitan area with a safe, comprehensive regional traffic plan.

In addition to transportation safety, reduced congestion and improved air quality for the metropolitan Louisville region, completion of this project is crucial to maintaining the region's economy. It is also critical in order to facilitate the flow of commerce between other metropolitan economies including Indianapolis, Cincinnati, Lexington, Columbus, Chicago, Nashville, Memphis, Evansville, St. Louis and cities beyond. The Louisville metropolitan area continues to grow in importance as a uniquely situated logistics center given its location in both the geographic and population center of the country, its river commerce with ports on the Ohio River, its recent establishment as United Parcel Service's main U.S. air hub, and the convergence of three major interstate highways. For that reason, the Ohio River Bridges Project has consistently been identified as one of the area's top priorities and has long enjoyed the strong support of local business, labor and government leaders across both Kentucky and Indiana.

We are pleased with the progress made to date in continuing to move this project forward. The award of a TIGER II grant would further strengthen efforts underway to build an innovative financial plan that would help to attract private sector funding to this development and hasten the start date for construction. We hope that you can give your assistance in bringing it to reality.

Sincerely,

Todd B. Eberle

Todd B. Eberle
Mayor, City of Prospect KY



FOUNDED 1813

City of New Albany, Indiana
DOUGLAS B. ENGLAND
Mayor

August 19, 2010

The Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: TIGER II Grant-Ohio River Bridges Project

Dear Secretary LaHood:

On behalf of the City of New Albany, I join with the State of Indiana in requesting a Tiger II Grant for the Ohio River Bridges Project. The ORBP is a comprehensive traffic solution that is designed to improve cross river traffic mobility between Kentucky and Indiana and is essential to the safety and well-being of thousands of motorists who utilize these interstates each year.

Included in the project is the construction of a new east end bridge that will connect Southern Indiana and Louisville's east end; a new downtown bridge that will travel between downtown Louisville and downtown Jeffersonville and help to address some of the safety issues that currently exists, while alleviating much of the congestion and gridlock that currently occurs during peak travel times; and the reconfiguration of (Spaghetti Junction) which is ranked as one of the country's worst traffic interchanges and has twice the accident rate of other interstates with the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Completion of this project is critical to maintaining this region's economic competitiveness and is essential Louisville top economic development niches—logistics and healthcare. As such, the Ohio River Bridges Project has consistently been identified as one of the area's top priorities and this project enjoys unprecedented support from local, industry and governmental leaders from both states. This initiative will also provide a needed economic boost to both communities and help to create more than 56,000 jobs within this region.

I am pleased and proud of the progress we have made in continuing to move this project forward. The award of a TIGER II grant would further strengthen efforts underway to build an innovative financial plan that would help to attract private sector funding to this development and hasten the start date for construction. Your assistance in making this happen is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Douglas B. England
Mayor, City of New Albany

EVAN BAYH
INDIANA

131 RUSSELL SENATE OFFICE BUILDING
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-1404
(202) 224-5623
<http://bayh.senate.gov>

1650 MARKET TOWER
10 WEST MARKET STREET
INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204
(317) 554-0750

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-1404

COMMITTEES:
ARMED SERVICES
BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS
SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE
SMALL BUSINESS
SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING
ENERGY

August 20, 2010

The Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

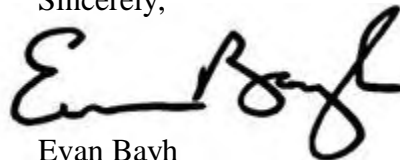
Dear Secretary LaHood:

I am writing today in support of the TIGER II grant application submitted in support of the Ohio River Bridges Project (ORBP). The ORBP is a comprehensive traffic solution that is designed to improve cross river traffic mobility between Kentucky and Indiana and is essential to the safety and well-being of thousands of motorist who utilize these interstates each year.

The Ohio River Bridges Project has consistently been identified as one of the area's top priorities. This project enjoys unprecedented support from local, industry and governmental leaders from both states. This initiative will also provide a needed economic boost to both communities. It is estimated that the project will help to create more than 56,000 jobs within this region. Included in the project is the construction of a new east end bridge that will connect Southern Indiana and Louisville's east end, a new downtown bridge that will travel between downtown Louisville and downtown Jeffersonville, and the reconfiguration of Spaghetti junction.

I want to be helpful to community leaders as they work to improve the quality of life within their communities. I would greatly appreciate your careful consideration of this grant application. Please add my letter of support to this project and send any response to my Southern Indiana Regional Director, Kenton Wooden. You may reach Mr. Wooden at (812) 218-2317 or 1201 E. Tenth St., Jeffersonville, IN 47130.

Sincerely,



Evan Bayh
United States Senator

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-1401

August 23, 2010

The Honorable Raymond H. LaHood
Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I am writing to offer my support for the Ohio River Bridges Project (ORBP) and an application being submitted by the Louisville and Southern Indiana Bridges Authority for a Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery II (TIGER II) discretionary grant being offered by the United States Department of Transportation.

The ORBP is a comprehensive traffic solution that is designed to improve cross river traffic mobility between Kentucky and Indiana and is essential to the safety and well-being of thousands of motorists who utilize these interstates each year.

The focus of this project includes the construction of a new east end bridge that will connect Southern Indiana and Louisville's east end. The new downtown bridge help address some of the safety issues that currently exist while alleviating much of the congestion and gridlock that currently occurs during peak travel times. The project also will include a reconfiguration of a spaghetti junction which is ranked as one of the country's worst traffic interchanges.

The Ohio River Bridges Project has consistently been identified as one of the area's top priorities and this project enjoys unprecedented support from local, industry and governmental leaders from both states. This initiative will also provide a needed economic boost to both communities and aims to create more than 56,000 jobs within this region.

I urge your support for the ORBP application for funding for a TIGER II grant. If your staff has any questions, please contact my Grants Coordinator, Andrew Mills, at 202-224-4814. Thank you for your thoughtful attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Richard G. Lugar
United States Senator

RGL/ama



**STATE OF INDIANA
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

THIRD FLOOR STATE HOUSE
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46204

Edward D. Clere
1701 DePauw Ave.
New Albany, IN 47150
Statehouse 1-800-382-9841 ext. 9648
website: www.in.gov/H72
E-mail: h72@in.gov

COMMITTEES:
Education
Small Business and Economic Development

August 20, 2010

The Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: TIGER II grant for Ohio River Bridges Project

Dear Secretary LaHood:

As a representative of residents of two counties in the Indiana portion of the Louisville, Kentucky, metropolitan statistical area, I am writing to request a Tiger II grant for the Ohio River Bridges Project. The project will greatly improve safety, quality of life and economic opportunity for the entire region, with positive ripple effects that will be felt throughout the two states, the Midwest and the nation. This long-awaited project is at a critical point, and a Tiger II grant would be a key factor in moving it forward without further, costly delay.

Costly delay is all too familiar to commuters, truck drivers and emergency personnel who find themselves stuck in the daily, lengthy backups that slow cross-river traffic and frequently bring it to a standstill. Costly delay is all too familiar to business owners who bear the financial burden of gridlock. Costly delay is all too familiar to regional economic development officials who watch potential commercial and industrial investment go elsewhere because of a lack of infrastructure. Costly delay is all too familiar to travelers who spend their time stuck on our interstate highways instead of spending their dollars in our economy. Costly delay is all too familiar to the thousands of unemployed workers who would welcome the opportunity to make this project a physical reality.

Residents of my district know these costly delays firsthand and would appreciate the decisive difference a Tiger II grant would make. On their behalf, I thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edward D. Clere".

Edward D. Clere
State Representative
House District 72

BARON P. HILL
9TH DISTRICT, INDIANA

COMMITTEE ON
ENERGY AND COMMERCE
SUBCOMMITTEE ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS
AND THE INTERNET

SUBCOMMITTEE ON COMMERCE,
TRADE, AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

SUBCOMMITTEE ON
ENVIRONMENT AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

COMMITTEE ON
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

SUBCOMMITTEE ON
RESEARCH AND SCIENCE EDUCATION

JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

The Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-1409

WASHINGTON OFFICE
223 CANNON HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING
WASHINGTON, DC 20515
(202) 225-6315

DISTRICT OFFICE
279 QUARTERMASTER COURT
JEFFERSONVILLE, IN 47130
(812) 288-3999

DISTRICT OFFICE
320 WEST 8TH STREET, SUITE 114
BLOOMINGTON, IN 47404
(812) 336-3000

August 20, 2010

RE: TIGER II Grant-Ohio River Bridges Project

Dear Secretary LaHood,

On behalf of the Ninth Congressional District, I join with the State of Indiana in requesting \$135 million in funding for the Ohio River Bridges Project (ORBP) from the TIFIA Payments portion of the TIGER II grant program.

As you remember from your visit to Southern Indiana earlier this year, the ORBP is designed to be a comprehensive solution to improve cross-river traffic mobility between Indiana and Kentucky. In addition, the project's success is critical to the safety and well-being of thousands of motorists who utilize these roadways each year; both those commuting to and from the workplace and those who visit our region.

Included in the project is the construction of a new bridge that will connect Southern Indiana and Louisville's east end, as well as a new downtown bridge that will travel between downtown Louisville and downtown Jeffersonville. Both bridges will help address some of the safety issues that currently exist, while also alleviating much of the congestion and gridlock that currently occurs during peak travel times. Additionally, the project includes the reconfiguration of the interstate exchange commonly known as "Spaghetti Junction", which is ranked as one of the country's worst traffic interchanges and has twice the accident rate of other interstates within the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Completion of the Ohio River Bridges Project is critical to maintaining our region's economic competitiveness. It has consistently been identified as one of the region's top infrastructure priorities and enjoys support from local, industry and governmental leaders from both Indiana and Kentucky. This initiative will also provide a needed economic boost to both communities and help to create more than 56,000 jobs within this region.

I am pleased and proud of the progress Indiana and Kentucky have made in continuing to move this project forward, and I humbly ask for your support in awarding the project funding. As details for an innovative financial plan continue to be deliberated by the two states and FHWA, the award of a TIGER II grant would further strengthen efforts underway to create a plan that works for citizens in Southern Indiana and Kentucky. It is critical that both states continue to seek funding for the project that will not place an unnecessary or inconsistent burden on those traveling across the bridges, while at the same time moving the project forward.

As always, please contact me if you have any further questions about this project.

Sincerely,



Baron P. Hill
Member of Congress



STATE OF INDIANA
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
THIRD FLOOR STATE HOUSE
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46204

STEVEN R. STEMLER
1001 PENN STREET
JEFFERSONVILLE, IN 47130

COMMITTEES:
WAYS AND MEANS
CHAIR, SUBCOMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION
AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT, VICE CHAIR
SMALL BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
NATURAL RESOURCES

August 20, 2010

The Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: TIGER II Grant – Ohio River Bridges Project

Dear Secretary LaHood:

On behalf of the State of Indiana, I join with the Commonwealth of Kentucky in requesting a Tiger II Grant for the Ohio River Bridges Project. The ORBP is a comprehensive traffic solution that is designed to improve cross river traffic mobility between Indiana and Kentucky and is essential to the safety and well-being of thousands of motorists who utilize these interstates each year.

Included in the project is the construction of a new east end bridge that will connect Southern Indiana and Louisville's east end; a new downtown bridge that will travel between downtown Louisville and downtown Jeffersonville and help to address some of the safety issues that currently exist, while alleviating much of the congestion and gridlock that currently occurs during peak travel times; and the reconfiguration of Spaghetti Junction which is ranked as one of the country's worst traffic interchanges and has twice the accident rate of other interstates with the Commonwealth.

Completion of this project is critical to maintaining this region's economic competitiveness and is essential to Louisville's top economic development niches – logistics and healthcare. As such, the Ohio River Bridges Project has consistently been identified as one of the area's top priorities and this project enjoys unprecedented support from local, industry and governmental leaders from both states. This initiative will also provide a needed economic boost to both communities and help to create more than 56,000 jobs within this region.

I am pleased and proud of the progress we have made in continuing to move this project forward. The award of a TIGER II Grant would further strengthen efforts underway to build an innovative financial plan that would help to attract private sector funding to this development and hasten the start date for construction. Your assistance in making this happen is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Steven R. Stemler
Indiana State Representative
District 71



August 20, 2010

The Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: TIGER II Grant-Ohio River Bridges Project

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Greater Louisville Advanced Manufacturing & Logistics Network members who, by way of this letter, show support for the efforts of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the State of Indiana to request a Tiger II Grant for the Ohio River Bridges Project (ORBP). The ORBP is a comprehensive traffic solution that will improve cross river traffic mobility between Kentucky and Indiana. It is essential to the safety and well-being of thousands of motorists who utilize these interstates each year not to mention to keep the logistics and industry thriving in our community.

Included in the project is the construction of a new bridge in the community's east end that will connect Southern Indiana and Louisville and create a much needed loop with I-265; a new downtown bridge between downtown Louisville and downtown Jeffersonville that addresses some of the safety issues that currently exist, while alleviating much of the congestion and gridlock that currently occurs during peak travel times; and the reconfiguration of the interchange of I-64, I-65 and I-71 in downtown Louisville (Spaghetti junction) which is ranked as one of the country's worst traffic interchanges and has twice the accident rate of other interstates within Kentucky.

Completion of this project is critical to maintaining this region's economic competitiveness and is essential to Louisville's top economic development niches—logistics and healthcare. As such, the Ohio River Bridges Project has consistently been identified as one of the area's top priorities and this project enjoys unprecedented support from community, industry and governmental leaders from both states. This initiative will also provide a needed economic boost to both communities and help to create more than 56,000 jobs within this region.

I am pleased and proud of the progress we have made in continuing to move this project forward. The award of a TIGER II grant would further strengthen efforts underway to build an innovative financial plan that would help to attract private sector funding to this development and expedite the start date for construction. Your assistance in making this happen is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Co-Chair, Advanced Manufacturing & Logistics Network
President, Eagle Steel Company



Advanced
Manufacturing & Logistics Network
A Greater Louisville Inc. Business Network

This letter is sent on behalf of the member companies in the Greater Louisville Advanced Manufacturing & Logistics Network:

Advance Distribution Services, Inc. (ADS)
Advantage Industrial Automation
Amatrol, Inc.
American Synthetic Rubber Company, LLC
Amgen Inc.
Ann Taylor Distribution Services Inc.
Aretakis & Associates, Inc.
Arkema
ASAP Automation, LLC
AST Companies
Atlas Machine & Supply, Inc.
Bastian Material Handling, LLC
BB&T Insurance Services
Bee Line Courier Service, Incorporated
Blendex Company, LLC
Bostik Inc.
Brown-Forman Corp.
Buddeke Industries, Inc.
Carbide Industries LLC
Cardinal Carryor, Inc.
Cassidy Turley Harry K. Moore
CB Richard Ellis|Louisville
CH Robinson Worldwide, Inc.
Cinetic Sorting Corp.
Commercial Kentucky Real Estate Advisors
Commonwealth Commercial Real Estate
Cook Compression- A Dover Company
Cotton + Allen
CSX Transportation
Custom Quality Services
Dare To Care Food Bank
Delta Direct Logistics
Dixie Real Properties, LLC
Dynamic Outcomes, Inc.
Eagle Steel Products, Inc.
Economic Development Department
Experts in Growth Leadership Consulting, LLC (EiGL)
Ford Motor Company
Fortis Group Commercial Real Estate
Freedom Metals, Inc.
GCH International Inc.
GE-Appliances & Lighting
Genentech
Greater Louisville Inc.
Greg Brotzge Enterprises, Inc.
GUESS?, Incorporated
Harding, Shymanski & Company, P.S.C.
Hexion Specialty Chemicals
Hillerich & Bradsby Co.
Houston-Johnson, Inc.
IBM Corporation
Independent Industries, Inc.
Innovative Productivity, Inc. (MTTC)
Institute for Lean Systems LLC
ISA Alloys
Jacobson Companies
JOM Pharmaceutical Services, Inc.
K. M. Stemler Company Inc.
Katayama American Co., Inc.
Kentuckians for Better Transportation
Kentucky Association of Manufacturers
Kentucky Trailer
Kentucky World Trade Center
KTR Capital Partners
LINAK U.S. Inc.
Louisville Metro Properties
Louisville Regional Airport Authority
Lubrizol Advanced Materials, Inc.
Magna-Tex, Inc.
Material Handling Systems, Inc.
McCormick Equipment Inc.
Mercury Logistics, Inc.
MISA Metal Fabricating, Inc.
Mountjoy Chilton Medley LLP
Nicklies Development
Northern Continental Logistics LLC
OM Healthcare Logistics
Orion Energy Systems
paco manufacturing
Paducah & Louisville Railway, Inc.
Paradigm Engineers and Constructors
Pegasus Transportation, Inc.
Port of Indiana- Jeffersonville
Preferred Staffing, LLC
Premier Packaging, Inc.
ProLift Industrial Equipment

ProLogis
Prologistix
R.C. Bigelow, Inc.
Radio Sound, Inc.
Randstad
Raytheon Company
River Road Terminal
RiverTrends LLC
Rubel Lenihan Properties & Management Company
Sealed Air Corporation
Semonin Realtors
Southeast Pallet Recycling
Steel Technologies, LLC
Stephen C. Gault Co.
Stride Rite Corp.
Summit Construction

Summitt Trucking, LLC
Telenko & Associates
The Sullivan University System
Tiger Truck Lines, Inc./My Scratch and Dent
Transport Logistics Group, Inc.
University of Louisville
UofL Logistics & Distribution Institute
UPS
UPS Supply Chain Solutions
Vanderlande Industries Distribution Parcel & Postal Inc.
Verst Group Logistics, Inc.
Whip Mix Corporation
York Companies, Inc.
Zeon Chemicals L.P.
Zip Express



August 23, 2010

The Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: TIGER II Grant – Ohio River Bridges Project

Dear Secretary LaHood:

On behalf of my employees at Genentech and the individuals and other organizations that comprise the Bridges Coalition, I'd like to express our support for the efforts of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the State of Indiana to request a Tiger II Grant for the Ohio River Bridges Project (ORBP).

The ORBP is the most pressing issue our community faces. It provides a comprehensive traffic solution to the traffic and congestion issues that are negatively influencing our region's safety, quality of life, and economic progress.

The ORBP includes the construction of two new bridges to connect Kentucky and Indiana, and the re-building of an improved interchange of I-65, I-64 and I-71. This interchange is currently called "Spaghetti Junction," with good reason:

- Louisville Metro Area traffic congestion ranks second-worst among mid-sized American cities, and includes the 11th worst bottleneck in the nation
- There are twice as many daily accidents in the poorly designed Spaghetti Junction compared to other urban highway interchanges

These congestion and safety issues significantly impact my employees and our ability to move our products in and out of our primary U.S. distribution center and can impact our ability to delivery our important therapies to patients with serious illnesses. If the ORBP does not move forward, our region's congestion issues will further choke our economy and the future of our business in this area..

Kentucky and Indiana are working together to develop a plan to fund the ORBP and the addition of a TIGER II grant will greatly expedite this necessary effort. The sooner we can move forward with construction, the less expensive the project will be, and the sooner our region can realize its incredible benefits. Time is our enemy, speed of execution is critical to reducing costs and realizing benefits.

I urge you give the Ohio River Bridges Project's application for a TIGER II grant every consideration. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey S. Uligian
Site Head, Kentucky Distribution Center
Director, Distribution Management North America



August 18, 2010

The Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: TIGER II Grant-Ohio River Bridges Project

Dear Secretary LaHood:

On behalf of the 2,500 members of Greater Louisville Inc., we support the efforts of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the State of Indiana to request a Tiger II Grant for the Ohio River Bridges Project (ORBP). The ORBP is a comprehensive traffic solution that will improve cross river traffic mobility between Kentucky and Indiana. It is essential to the safety and well-being of thousands of motorists who utilize these interstates each year.

Included in the project is the construction of a new bridge in the community's east end that will connect Southern Indiana and Louisville and create a much needed loop with I-265; a new downtown bridge between downtown Louisville and downtown Jeffersonville that addresses some of the safety issues that currently exist, while alleviating much of the congestion and gridlock that currently occurs during peak travel times; and the reconfiguration of the interchange of I-64, I-65 and I-71 in downtown Louisville (Spaghetti junction) which is ranked as one of the country's worst traffic interchanges and has twice the accident rate of other interstates within Kentucky.

Completion of this project is critical to maintaining this region's economic competitiveness and is essential to Louisville's top economic development niches—logistics and healthcare. As such, the Ohio River Bridges Project has consistently been identified as one of the area's top priorities and this project enjoys unprecedented support from community, industry and governmental leaders from both states. This initiative will also provide a needed economic boost to both communities and help to create more than 56,000 jobs within this region.

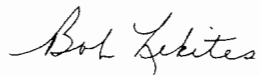
We are pleased and proud of the progress we have made in continuing to move this project forward. The award of a TIGER II grant would further strengthen efforts underway to build an innovative financial plan that would help to attract private sector funding to this

The Metro Chamber of Commerce
614 West Main Street, Suite 6000
Louisville, Kentucky 40202
502.625.0000 fax 502.625.0010
GreaterLouisville.com

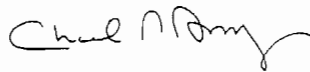
development and expedite the start date for construction. Your assistance in making this happen is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

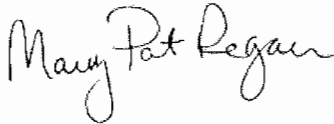
Greater Louisville Inc. Office of the Chair



Bob Lckites
President
UPS Airlines



Chuck Denny
Regional President, Kentucky/Tennessee Banking
PNC



Mary Pat Regan
President
AT&T Kentucky



Joe Reagan
President and CEO
Greater Louisville Inc.



Hispanic Latino Business Council

A Greater Louisville Inc. Affiliate

August 19, 2010

The Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: TIGER II Grant-Ohio River Bridges Project

Dear Secretary LaHood:

On behalf of the Hispanic and Latino Business Council of Louisville and its members, I am writing in support the efforts of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the State of Indiana to request a Tiger II Grant for the Ohio River Bridges Project (ORBP). The ORBP is a comprehensive traffic solution that will improve cross river traffic mobility between Kentucky and Indiana. It is essential to the safety and well-being of thousands of motorists who utilize these interstates each year.

Included in the project is the construction of a new bridge in the community's east end that will connect Southern Indiana and Louisville and create a much needed loop with I-265; a new downtown bridge between downtown Louisville and downtown Jeffersonville that addresses some of the safety issues that currently exist, while alleviating much of the congestion and gridlock that currently occurs during peak travel times; and the reconfiguration of the interchange of I-64, I-65 and I-71 in downtown Louisville (Spaghetti junction) which is ranked as one of the country's worst traffic interchanges and has twice the accident rate of other interstates within Kentucky.

Completion of this project is critical to maintaining this region's economic competitiveness and is essential to Louisville's top economic development niches—logistics and healthcare. As such, the Ohio River Bridges Project has consistently been identified as one of the area's top priorities and this project enjoys unprecedented support from community, industry and governmental leaders from both states. This initiative will also provide a needed economic boost to both communities and help to create more than 56,000 jobs within this region.

I am pleased and proud of the progress we have made in continuing to move this project forward. The award of a TIGER II grant would further strengthen efforts underway to build an innovative financial plan that would help to attract private sector funding to this development and expedite the start date for construction. Your assistance in making this happen is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Cordova-Winchell
Chair



KENTUCKIANS FOR BETTER TRANSPORTATION

10332 Bluegrass Parkway • Louisville, KY 40299-2206 • (502) 491-5600 • Fax: (502) 491-5603 • www.kbnet.org

President
Stan Lampe

Executive Committee

Chair
Luther Deaton, Jr.
Central Bank & Trust Co

First Vice-Chair
Mark Willis
Stanlec Consulting Services, Inc

Second Vice-Chair
Monty Boyd
Whayne Supply Company

Secretary
David Hayden
Nally & Hayden LLC

Treasurer
Charles R. Levern
Kentucky Association of
Highway Contractors

Immediate Past Chair
Charles T. "Skip" Miller
Louisville Regional Airport Authority

Director at Large
Greg L. Henley
Henke Contracting Corp.

Board of Directors

Mike Ages
Ages Consulting Services

Philip C. Anns
Mountain Enterprises, Inc

J. Barry Barker
Trenton Authority of River City

David B. Berk
Kentucky Farm Bureau

Alan Bernard
Mid-Park, Inc.

John L. Carr
Wilbur Smith Associates, Inc

R.R. "Bob" Dawson, Jr.
R.R. Dawson Bridge Co.

Citrus Flacus
Dean, Dalton & Ford, P.S.C.

Ben Fister
ORW Engineers, Inc

Jason Gabbard
The Allen Company, Inc.

Clint Goodin
Vaughn & Melton Consulting
Engineers

Ronald H. "Ron" Gray
Kentucky Crushed Stone
Association, Inc.

Nail Hackworth
Kentucky League of Cities, Inc.

Frank Hamilton, Jr.
Nally & Gibson Georgetown LLC

Henry L. Henke
Henke Contracting Corp.

Ovid Hooper
Inch Contracting, LLC

Dutch Johnson
Dutch's Chery Ford/Mercury

Larry Judy
Judy Construction Co

Jason Jurgensen
Eaton Asphalt Paving Co., Inc.

Vince Lang
Kentucky County Judge/Executive
Association

Larry McCall
Lexington & Jefferson County
Riverport Authority

Gary Moore
Boone County Judge/Executive

Fred Mudge
R. J. Carman Railroad Group

Thomas C. "Tom" Nugent III
Nugent Band Co.

Ronald B. "Randy" Palmer
Palmer Engineering Co.

Mike Pappas
Independent Concrete Pipe Co

W. Allen Prais
Cotton & Allen, PSC

Michael P. "Mike" Ryan
American Commercial Lines, Inc.

James "Jim" Scott
Scott's Contracting & Stone, LLC

George L. Seay, Jr.
Wypoll, Tarrant & Corbis, LLP

Rex Smith
Jira Smith Contracting Co., LLC

Gene Snowden, Jr.
Brandis Machinery & Supply Co

Burt Wells & Spurlock
First Commonwealth Bank

Marvin E. "Gene" Strong
McCarty-Strong Oklab LLC

Richard Sutherland
ENTRAIN, PLC

Arthur E. Walker, Jr.
The Walker Company

Jody Williams
Director, Quersboro Chamber
of Commerce

David Willmoth, Jr.
Mayor, City of Elizabethtown

Brian K. Wood
Planters Asphalt Industry
of Kentucky, Inc.

Directors Emeritus

Charles W. Bucklew

John W. "Jack" Fish

E. B. "Buz" Gisher

Galvin C. Grayson

Harry M. Hea

August 17, 2010

The Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary
Office of the Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary LaHood:

Kentuckians for Better Transportation (KBT), a 32-year old organization representing the multi-modal interests of rail, waterway, public transit, aviation, streets, roads, highways and bridges know that you understand how our nation's ability to compete in the global economy depends on an efficient and modern transportation system. In fact, the quality of our transportation network, today, plays a key role in shaping our future, and the future of generations to come.

KBT is writing to support the efforts of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the State of Indiana to request a Tiger II Grant for the Ohio River Bridges Project. This Project is a comprehensive, multi-state traffic solution that will vastly improve traffic mobility between Kentucky and Indiana, over the Ohio River. The *accelerated completion* of this crucial multi-state project will not only improve and increase commerce, but it will enhance and safeguard public safety for the 130,000 to 150,000 motorists who utilize the I-65, I-64 and I-71 Interstate highways each day.

Mr. Secretary, this project is supported by business leaders and labor leaders alike. It is supported by minority leaders, religious leaders, educational leaders, civic leaders, and community leaders.

Currently, a 14-member bi-state Authority is studying ways to accelerate the completion of this urgently needed project, *perhaps saving taxpayers and governments as much as \$300 million to \$400 million in total construction costs*. By awarding a Tiger II grant to this important project, you will be able to play a central role by making a valuable boost to the economies of many states in the Ohio River Valley.

We urge you to support the Ohio River Bridges Project and their TIGER II application. *This is a project that will get America moving again.*

Sincerely,

Stan Lampe
President



Chamber & Economic Development

August 18, 2010

The Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: TIGER II Grant-Ohio River Bridges Project

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I support the efforts of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the State of Indiana to request a Tiger II Grant for the Ohio River Bridges Project (ORBP). The ORBP is a comprehensive traffic solution that will improve cross river traffic mobility between Kentucky and Indiana. It is essential to the safety and well-being of thousands of motorists who utilize these interstates each year.

Included in the project is the construction of a new bridge in the community's east end that will connect Southern Indiana and Louisville and create a much needed loop with I-265; a new downtown bridge between downtown Louisville and downtown Jeffersonville that addresses some of the safety issues that currently exist, while alleviating much of the congestion and gridlock that currently occurs during peak travel times; and the reconfiguration of the interchange of I-64, I-65 and I-71 in downtown Louisville (Spaghetti junction) which is ranked as one of the country's worst traffic interchanges and has twice the accident rate of other interstates within Kentucky.

Completion of this project is critical to maintaining this region's economic competitiveness and is essential to Louisville's top economic development niches—logistics and healthcare. As such, the Ohio River Bridges Project has consistently been identified as one of the area's top priorities and this project enjoys unprecedented support from community, industry and governmental leaders from both states. This initiative will also provide a needed economic boost to both communities and help to create more than 56,000 jobs within this region.

I am pleased and proud of the progress we have made in continuing to move this project forward. The award of a TIGER II grant would further strengthen efforts underway to build an innovative financial plan that would help to attract private sector funding to this development and expedite the start date for construction. Your assistance in making this happen is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Dalby".

Michael Dalby
President/CEO
One Southern Indiana

RIVER RIDGE

COMMERCE CENTER

August 19, 2010

The Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: TIGER II Grant-Ohio River Bridges Project

Dear Secretary LaHood:

This is to request your assistance in obtaining approval for a Tiger II Grant for the Ohio River Bridges Project (ORBP). The ORBP is a critical component in the proposed comprehensive traffic solution that is designed to improve cross river traffic between Kentucky and Indiana. It is also essential for the primary transportation corridors supporting interstate commerce flowing through the Midwest to the rest of the nation.

The construction of a new east end bridge and the planned improvements to the existing I65 bridge are critical to maintaining our economic competitiveness. This project is essential to the region's top economic development niches—manufacturing and logistics. As such, the Ohio River Bridges Project is the area's top priority to sustain new development, and it has the support of local industry and governmental leaders from both Indiana and Kentucky. This initiative will provide a much needed economic boost by being a catalyst in creating more than 56,000 jobs within this region.

This grant would also have an immediate impact on efforts underway to build an innovative financial plan to complete funding for the entire project and accelerate the start date for construction. Thank you for your consideration and assistance in making this happen.

Sincerely,



Jerry B. Acy, CECD
Executive Director

6200 E. Highway 62,
Building 2501, Suite 600
Jeffersonville, IN 47130
[T] 812-285-8979
[F] 812-285-8983
www.riverridgecc.com

J. Mark Robinson, President
Norman E. "Ned" Pfau, Vice President
David W. Evanczyk, Secretary/Treasurer
David Flowe, Member
Kim Matthews, Member



THE BRIDGES COALITION

614 W. Main St., Suite 6000, Louisville, KY 40202

www.TheBridgesCoalition.com

Founding Members

- The Regional Leadership Coalition
- Greater Louisville Inc.
- One Southern Indiana
- Louisville Downtown Development Corp.

Members

- Advanced Manufacturing and Logistics Network
- African American Business Alliance
- Associated Builders and Contractors of Kentuckiana Inc.
- Ford Motor Company
- Greater Louisville Building and Construction Trades Council
- Hispanic-Latino Business Council
- Judge-Executive's Office: Bullitt County, KY
- Kentuckians for Better Transportation
- Louisville Chapter, National Association of Women Business Owners
- Louisville Urban League
- Louisville Urban League Young Professionals
- Office of the Mayor
Bowling Green, KY
Elizabethtown, KY
Jeffersonville, IN
Metro Louisville, KY
New Albany, IN
- Town Board of Clarksville, IN
- UPS

August 19, 2010

The Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: TIGER II Grant – Ohio River Bridges Project

Dear Secretary LaHood:

On behalf of the individuals and organizations that comprise the Bridges Coalition, I'd like to express our support for the efforts of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the State of Indiana to request a Tiger II Grant for the Ohio River Bridges Project (ORBP).

The ORBP is the most pressing issue our community faces. It provides a comprehensive traffic solution to the traffic and congestion issues that are negatively influencing our region's safety, quality of life, and economic progress.

The ORBP includes the construction of two new bridges to connect Kentucky and Indiana, and the re-building of an improved interchange of I-65, I-64 and I-71. This interchange is currently called "Spaghetti Junction," with good reason:

- Louisville Metro Area traffic congestion ranks second-worst among mid-sized American cities, and includes the 11th worst bottleneck in the nation
- There are twice as many daily accidents in the poorly designed Spaghetti Junction compared to other urban highway interchanges
- Average rush hour speed on Louisville Metro highways will be drop to just 16 m.p.h. by the year 2025 if nothing is done

These congestion and safety issues are already hindering the region's 147,000 jobs that rely on transportation, manufacturing and logistics. If the ORBP does not move forward, our region's congestion issues will further choke our economy and our future.

Kentucky and Indiana are working together to develop a plan to fund the ORBP and the addition of a TIGER II grant will greatly expedite this effort. The sooner we can move forward with construction, the less expensive the project will be, and the sooner our region can realize its incredible benefits.

I urge you give the Ohio River Bridges Project's application for a TIGER II grant every consideration. Thank you.

Sincerely,

David Nicklies
Chairman

Town of
CLARKSVILLE

2000 Broadway
Clarksville, Indiana 47129
(812) 288-7155

August 19, 2010

The Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: TIGER II Grant –Ohio Rive Bridges Project

Dear Secretary LaHood:

Two states, three cities, one river, and one community – this is the Falls of the Ohio area. The State of Indiana and the Commonwealth of Kentucky are requesting a TIGER II grant for the Ohio River Bridges Project. This project, when completed, will improve mobility between the two states, and is vital to the safety of the thousands of travelers who cross the Ohio River every day.

The project is also critical to economic development – not only for the cities in the Falls of the Ohio area, but to a much larger region, encompassing several counties and cities in the two states. The Ohio River Bridges Project has consistently been identified as a top priority for the region, and it has support from government and industry in both states. It is anticipated that more than 56,000 jobs will be created in the region as a result of this project.

The Clarksville Town Council supports the Ohio River Bridges Project as a necessary link to our community and the rest of the region. We ask that you look favorably on the TIGER II grant application and do all that you can to award funds to this important project.

Sincerely,



Gregory L. Isgrigg
Clarksville Town Council President