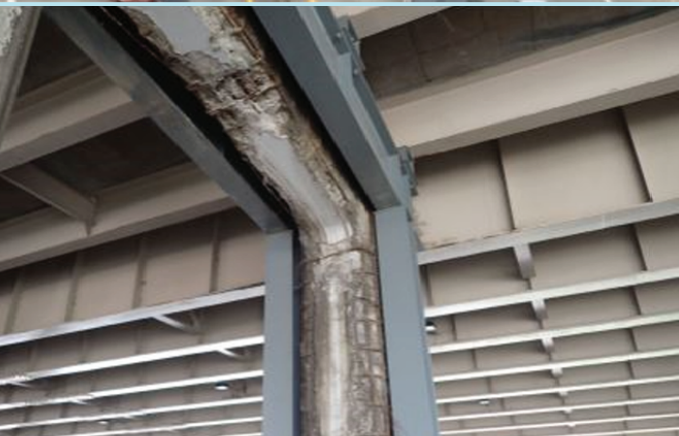




Appendix C: Letters of Support

FY26 Bridge Investment Program (BIP)
Large Bridge Project Grants



Submitted to Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT)

By Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC)



 **I-65 Bridge
Bundling Grant**

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The letters of support presented in this Appendix were issued as part of the rolling FY23-26 BIP Large Bridge Project application. The Elected Officials and stakeholders continue to support the I-65 Bridge Bundling Project and look forward to the upgrade of this crucial segment in the national and regional roadway infrastructure.

Elected Officials (25)

➤ Morgan McGarvey	US Representative, 3rd District
➤ Adrienne Southworth	State Senator, 7th District
➤ Matthew Deneen	State Senator, 10th District
➤ Karen Berg	State Senator, 26th District
➤ Gerald Neal	State Senator, 33rd District
➤ Denise Harper Angel	State Senator, 35th District
➤ Julie Raque	State Senator, 36th District
➤ David Yates	State Senator, 37th District
➤ Michael Nemes	State Senator, 39th District
➤ Jared Bauman	State Representative, 28th District
➤ Daniel Grossberg	State Representative, 30th District
➤ Lisa Willner	State Representative, 35th District
➤ James Hodgson	State Representative, 36th District
➤ Rachel Roarx	State Representative, 38th District
➤ Nima Kulkarni	State Representative, 40th District
➤ Keturah Herron	State Representative, 42nd District
➤ Pamela Stevenson	State Representative, 43rd District
➤ Alan "Al" Gentry	State Representative, 46th District
➤ Craig Greenberg	Mayor, Louisville Metro Government
➤ Nicole George	Deputy Mayor, Louisville Metro Government
➤ Markus Winkler	President Metro Council, District 17
➤ Jecorey Arthur	Metro Councilman, District 4
➤ Phillip Baker	Metro Councilman, District 6
➤ Jennifer Chappell	Metro Councilwoman, District 15
➤ Betsy Ruhe	Metro Councilwoman, District 21

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-1703

July 29, 2025

The Honorable Sean P. Duffy
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave SE,
Washington DC 20590

Dear Secretary Duffy:

I am writing to express my support for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Bridge Investment Program (BIP) Large Bridge grant application for the I-65 Bridge Bundling Project. This "bridge bundling" project will significantly improve one of the state's most critical roadways: Interstate 65 through Louisville's central corridor.

Originally conceived as part of the Eisenhower Interstate System, I-65 is a key corridor in Louisville that provides access to major points of interest, including Louisville's Central Business District, the Downtown Medical Center, the University of Louisville, the Kentucky Fair & Exposition Center and Louisville Muhammad Ali International Airport. Several of the city's largest employers, like UPS WorldPort, Ford Motor Company and Humana, rely on the corridor for daily access to their major operations, along with thousands of employees and commercial carriers.

The I-65 Bridge Bundling Project will replace or rehabilitate multiple interstate bridges to improve the safety and reliability of this vital corridor. The proposed bridge bundling along with the use of innovative design and construction techniques, like accelerated bridge construction, will be more cost effective and will minimize impacts on local businesses and travelers by reducing the construction period. At the heart of the heavily traveled Nashville to Indianapolis section of I-65, this project will bolster the freight-carrying capacity of affected bridges while ensuring continued safe access to local destinations.

Preserving these critically important bridges through the I-65 Bridge Bundling Project will ensure the economic success of the area and allow for continued growth in the region that will constitute a significant investment in our national highway system. I appreciate the opportunity to support this request and ask for full and fair consideration. If you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth Peña in my office at elizabeth.pena@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,


The Honorable Morgan McGarvey
Member of Congress

Commonwealth of Kentucky

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7TH SENATE DISTRICT

November 1, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am writing to you in support of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Bridge Investment Program (BIP) grant application for the Interstate 65 Bridge Bundling Project. This "bridge bundling" project will significantly improve I-65, a critical north/south interstate corridor between Canada and the Gulf of Mexico.

Originally conceived as part of the Eisenhower Interstate System, I-65 is also a key corridor within Louisville, Kentucky, that provides access to major points of interest including the central business district, the University of Louisville, and its UofL Hospital, the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center, and Louisville Muhammad Ali International Airport. Several of the city's largest employers, like UPS WorldPort, Ford Motor Company, and Humana, rely on the corridor for daily access to their major operations.

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I hope you will consider funding this project that will constitute a significant investment in our national highway system. Preserving these critically important bridges through the I-65 Bridge Bundling Project will ensure the economic success and allow for continued growth in the region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adrienne Southworth", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Adrienne Southworth
Kentucky State Senator

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Commonwealth of Kentucky

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10TH SENATE DISTRICT

November 1, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am writing to you in support of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Bridge Investment Program (BIP) grant application for the Interstate 65 Bridge Bundling Project. This "bridge bundling" project will significantly improve I-65, a critical north/south interstate corridor between Canada and the Gulf of Mexico.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew D. Deneen".

Matthew D. Deneen
State Senator

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Commonwealth of Kentucky

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26th SENATE DISTRICT

November 2, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
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Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing to you in support of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Bridge Investment Program (BIP) grant application for the I-65 Bridge Bundling Project. This "bridge bundling" project will significantly improve one of the nation's most critical north/south interstate roadways between Canada and the Gulf of Mexico: Interstate 65 through Louisville, Kentucky's central corridor.

Originally conceived as part of the Eisenhower Interstate System, I-65 is an important national corridor, but it is also a key corridor within the City of Louisville that provides access to major points of interest, including Louisville's Central Business District, the Downtown Medical Center, the University of Louisville, the Kentucky Fair & Exposition Center and Louisville Muhammad Ali International Airport.

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I hope you will consider funding this project that will constitute a significant investment in our national highway system.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karen Berg", followed by a small mark that looks like "MB".

Karen Berg
State Senator

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Commonwealth of Kentucky

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GERALD A. NEAL

October 31, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
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Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

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I hope you will consider funding this project that will constitute a significant investment in our national highway system. Preserving these critically important bridges through the I-65 Bridge Bundling Project will ensure the economic success of the area and allow for continued growth in the region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gerald A. Neal".

Gerald Neal
Senate Democratic Floor Leader
Senate District 33

Commonwealth of Kentucky

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SENATOR DENISE HARPER ANGEL

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35th SENATE DISTRICT

October 31, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg, Secretary
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Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Denise Harper Angel".

Denise Harper Angel
State Senator
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SENATOR JULIE RAQUE ADAMS MAJORITY CAUCUS CHAIR

November 9, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing to you in support of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Bridge Investment Program (BIP) grant application for the I-65 Bridge Bundling Project. This "bridge bundling" project will significantly improve one of the nation's most critical north/south interstate roadways between Canada and the Gulf of Mexico: Interstate 65 through Louisville, Kentucky's central corridor.

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Sincerely,

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Julie Raque Adams
State Senator

Commonwealth of Kentucky

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DAVID YATES

October 31, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
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Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing in support of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Bridge Investment Program (BIP) grant application for the I-65 Bridge Bundling Project. This "bridge bundling" project will significantly improve one of the nation's most critical north/south interstate roadways between Canada and the Gulf of Mexico: Interstate 65 through Louisville, Kentucky's central corridor.

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Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Yates", written in a cursive style.

David Yates
Senate Democratic Whip



COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY STATE SENATE

November 1, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

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Sincerely,

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Michael J. Nemes
State Senator

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November 1, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
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1200 New Jersey Avenue., S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Mr. Secretary,

I am writing in support of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Bridge Investment Program (BIP) grant application for the I-65 Bridge Bundling Project. This "bridge bundling" project will significantly improve Interstate 65, a critical north/south interstate roadway between Canada and the Gulf of Mexico.

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Sincerely,

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Jared A. Bauman
State Representative
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Commonwealth of Kentucky

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DANIEL GROSSBERG

30TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

November 1, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

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Sincerely,



Representative Daniel Grossberg
District 30

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Representative Lisa Willner

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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg

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October 30, 2023

Sincerely,

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Lisa Willner
State Representative
House District 35

LW/tm



KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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October 30, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg, Secretary
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Sincerely,

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John Hodgson
State Representative
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RACHEL ROARX
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November 2, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
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1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am writing to you in support of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Bridge Investment Program (BIP) grant application for the I-65 Bridge Bundling Project. This project will significantly improve Interstate 65, one of the nation's most critical north/south interstate highway between Canada and the Gulf of Mexico.

Originally conceived as part of the Eisenhower Interstate System, I-65 is a key corridor within Louisville that provides access to major points of interest, including the central business district, the University of Louisville and the UofL Hospital, the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center, and Louisville Muhammad Ali International Airport. Several of the city's largest employers, like UPS WorldPort, Ford Motor Company, and Humana, rely on the corridor for daily access to their major operations.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rachel Roarx".

Rachel Roarx
State Representative
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NIMA KULKARNI

40TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

November 2, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
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1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

Please accept this letter in support of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Bridge Investment Program (BIP) grant application for the I-65 Bridge Bundling Project. This "bridge bundling" project will significantly improve Interstate 65 through Louisville, Kentucky's central corridor.

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The I-65 Bridge Bundling Project uses innovative design and construction techniques to minimize impact on local businesses, reduce construction times, and replace or rehabilitate multiple interstate bridges simultaneously to improve the safety and reliability of this vital corridor. This proposal maintains and bolsters the freight-carrying capacity of the affected bridges along this section of I-65, while ensuring continued safe access to local destinations.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this project that will constitute a significant investment in our national highway system and ensure the economic success and continued growth in the region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nima Kulkarni".

Representative Nima Kulkarni
40th House District

Commonwealth of Kentucky

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KETURAH HERRON

42ND LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

October 30, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am writing in support of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Bridge Investment Program (BIP) grant application for the I-65 Bridge Bundling Project. This "bridge bundling" project will significantly improve Interstate 65 through Louisville, Kentucky's central corridor.

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Sincerest Regards,

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Representative Keturah Herron
District 42

Commonwealth Of Kentucky

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Representative
Pamela Stevenson
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October 31, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am writing in support of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Bridge Investment Program (BIP) grant application for the I-65 Bridge Bundling Project. This "bridge bundling" project will significantly improve one of the nation's most critical north/south interstate roadways which runs through Louisville, Kentucky's central corridor.

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Sincerely,

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Pamela Stevenson
State Representative
43rd District

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October 30, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Please accept this letter in support of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Bridge Investment Program (BIP) grant application for the I-65 Bridge Bundling Project. This "bridge bundling" project will significantly improve Interstate 65 through Louisville, Kentucky's central corridor.

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Sincerely,

Alan "Al" Gentry
State Representative
District 46



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CRAIG GREENBERG

November 9, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

RE: Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Bridge Investment Program application

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing to you in support of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Bridge Investment Program (BIP) grant application for the I-65 Bridge Bundling Project. This project will significantly improve Interstate 65 through Louisville, Kentucky's central corridor. As you are aware, I-65 is one of the nation's most critical north/south interstate roadways between Canada and the Gulf of Mexico.

Interstate 65 is a key corridor both nationally and within Metro Louisville, where it provides access to our Central Business District and other major points of interest, such as the University of Louisville, Louisville Muhammad Ali International Airport, the Kentucky Fair & Exposition Center, and the Downtown Medical Center. UPS WorldPort, Ford Motor Company, Humana, and other major employers rely on the corridor for daily access to their major operations. The I-65 corridor is tied to national and local commerce, as more than 15,000 trucks travel across these bridges each day.

I support this project because the replacement and rehabilitation of multiple bridges along I-65 will improve traffic flow and safety for the residents, merchants, truck drivers, and others who travel through this corridor. The proposed bridge bundling and accelerated bridge construction will be more cost effective, minimize impacts on local businesses and travelers by reducing the construction period, and result in over \$200 million in safety benefits over the next 30 years. The project is also aligned with my administration's goals to create a greener, more equitable Louisville, as it will reduce impacts like emissions to local surface streets and neighborhoods, including disadvantaged communities within the corridor.

I ask you to consider funding the I-65 Bridge Bundling Project, which will constitute a significant investment in our national highway system and create a reliable I-65 corridor for Metro Louisville.

Sincerely,

Craig Greenberg
Mayor

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CRAIG GREENBERG

November 10, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

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This project section of I-65 runs through under-resourced neighborhoods who already experience disproportionate litter, traffic, and noise, light, and air pollution from intensive uses in the corridor. The strategic nature of this bridge bundling project will support equitable health and safety, and a better quality of life while I-65 undergoes improvements. Our neighbors deserve thoughtful, resourced, and efficient project implementation to minimize the construction additional disturbances.

The I-65 Bridge Bundling Project will replace or rehabilitate multiple interstate bridges to improve the safety and reliability of this vital corridor. The proposed bridge bundling along with the use of innovative design and construction techniques, like accelerated bridge construction, will be more cost effective and will minimize impacts on local businesses and travelers by reducing the construction period. This project will maintain and bolster the freight-carrying capacity of the affected bridges along this section of I-65, an essential interstate system that connects Canada to the Gulf of Mexico, while ensuring continued safe access to local destinations.

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Sincerely,

Nicole George, Deputy Mayor of Public Health & Assets
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LOUISVILLE METRO COUNCIL
OFFICE OF PRESIDENT MARKUS WINKLER

November 1, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

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Louisville Metro is the economic engine of Kentucky. Our state's interstate and intrastate commerce depends upon the safety and efficiency of this section of the I-65 corridor. The BIP grant is an essential investment for our country's economic growth and our region's prosperity.

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Markus Winkler
President
Louisville Metro Council

November 10, 2023



**Louisville Metro Council District 4
Councilman Jecorey Arthur
Legislative Assistant Brianna Wright**

RE: I-65 Federal Bridge Investment Program (BIP) Grant

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
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Washington, DC 20590

Peace Secretary Buttigieg,

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Please consider funding this project that will constitute a significant investment in our national highway system.

Best,

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Councilman Jecorey Arthur



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LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

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COUNCILMAN
SIXTH DISTRICT

TONY HARDIN
LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT
SIXTH DISTRICT

November 13, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

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Sincerely,

Councilman Phillip T. Baker, Sixth District
Louisville Metro Council

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JENNIFER CHAPPELL
DISTRICT 15 COUNCILWOMAN

AMY LUCKETT
LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT

November 3, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

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The I-65 Bridge Bundling Project will replace or rehabilitate multiple interstate bridges to improve the safety and reliability of this vital corridor. This is imperative for the neighbors of Louisville Metro Council District 15, who tell us regularly about their concerns for our infrastructure. They worry if vital infrastructure breaks before it is repaired what that means. I know being proactive about these projects is fiscally responsible as well as potentially lifesaving.

The proposed bridge bundling along with the use of innovative design and construction techniques, like accelerated bridge construction, will be more cost effective and minimize impacts on local businesses and travelers by reducing construction time. This project will maintain and bolster the freight-carrying capacity of the affected bridges along this section of I-65, an essential interstate system that connects Canada to the Gulf of Mexico, while ensuring continued safe access to local destinations.

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Sincerely,



Jennifer Chappell
Councilwoman, District 15
Louisville Metro Council



LOUISVILLE METRO COUNCIL
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

BETSY RUHE
DISTRICT 21 COUNCILWOMAN

REBECCA KATZ
LEGISLATIVE AIDE

November 8, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing to you in support of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Bridge Investment Program (BIP) grant application for the I-65 Bridge Bundling Project. This "bridge bundling" project will significantly improve one of the nation's most critical north/south interstate roadways between Canada and the Gulf of Mexico: Interstate 65 through Louisville, Kentucky's central corridor.

As an elected official and regular commuter along the corridor, I can attest to the poor condition of the roadway, especially where the road meets a bridge. Those junctions need to be repaired every spring, and the underside of the bridges also shows significant decay in the concrete pillars. There has been much discussion in recent years about our decaying infrastructure. This interstate corridor is a textbook example. Nothing serious has happened yet, but the frequent maintenance indicates a need for rebuilding or replacement.

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Sincerely,

Betsy Ruhe
Councilwoman, District 21
Louisville Metro Government



Community Leaders (12)

- Sarah Davasher-Wisdom President and CEO, Greater Louisville Inc.
- Dan Mann Executive Director, Muhammad Ali International Airport
- Andy Rush Transportation Director, Kentuckiana Regional Planning & Development Agency (KIPDA)
- Gary Langston President, Indiana Motor Truck Association
- Rick Taylor President, Kentucky Trucking Association
- Ken Marshall COO, UofL Health
- Cleo Battle President and CEO, Louisville Tourism
- Ashli Watts President and CEO, Kentucky Chamber
- Rebecca Fleischaker Executive Director, Louisville Downtown Partnership
- Lisa Willner Executive Director, Transit Authority of River City (TARC)
- Marty Pollio Superintendent, Jefferson County Public Schools
- Ty Handy President, Jefferson Community & Technical College

November 1, 2023

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Our region's economy is rooted in our logistical advantages and I-65 is a core piece of the puzzle. Businesses in Greater Louisville can get their products anywhere in the world faster than most other cities because of strong infrastructure like the I-65 corridor, which is also a major selling point for businesses relocating and expanding in the region.

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Sincerely,



Sarah Davasher-Wisdom, President & CEO
Greater Louisville Inc.



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November 2, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
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Sincerely,

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Dan E. Mann, A.A.E.
Executive Director



Area Agency on Aging and Independent Living

Area Development District

Metropolitan Planning Organization



November 3, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

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This portion of I-65 was recognized by KIPDA as being critical to our region. In many ways, this stretch of I-65 is the "front door" to our region for visitors arriving at the Louisville Muhammad Ali International Airport and can be considered the "front door" to Kentucky for travelers coming south on I-65. KIPDA worked with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to initiate a large planning study that was completed in Late 2021 that looked at a wide range of improvements to I-65 that could be high impact yet not add additional lanes due to much of the corridor being built on bridges. Several projects from that recent study that improve the safety of the corridor by adding length to acceleration lanes and through interchange ramp reconfigurations were recently amended into KIPDA's Metropolitan Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program just last month.

The I-65 Bridge Bundling Project will replace or rehabilitate multiple interstate bridges to improve the safety and reliability of this vital corridor. The proposed bridge bundling along with the use of innovative

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Sincerely,

Andy Rush
KIPDA Transportation Director

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A Strong Voice for Indiana's Trucking Industry

November 6, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

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The I-65 Bridge Bundling Project is vital to ensuring our nations' trucking industry can continue to enable commerce into, through and out of the Midwest. Nothing is more important than reliable and safe infrastructure.

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Sincerely,

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Gary Langston
President
Indiana Motor Truck Association



November 6, 2023

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Our members are the backbone of the transportation industry, ensuring that goods are delivered safely and efficiently to the places that need them most. Therefore, the enhancement and expansion of transportation infrastructure, as proposed in this project, are of paramount importance to our industry. The expected benefits of the I-65 Bridge Bundling Project, such as reduced congestion, improved safety, enhanced economic opportunities, and a strengthened transportation network, are vital not only for the trucking industry but for the overall well-being of our community. We firmly believe that investing in this project will lead to greater efficiency, lower transportation costs, and a safer environment for all road users.

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Sincerely,

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Rick Taylor
President/CEO
Kentucky Trucking Association



November 13, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

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Sincerely,

Carrie Butler

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Executive Director



November 9, 2023

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Louisville's robust tourism sector relies on this infrastructure as well, with guests utilizing I-65 to experience the city's iconic attractions, world-class restaurants, authentic Bourbon distilleries and myriad of hotel accommodations. We know visitors from around the world seek out Louisville's historic Churchill Downs, the famous Louisville Slugger Museum and Factory and the Muhammad Ali Center – all of which depend on this major thoroughfare.

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Sincerely,

Cleo Battle
President & CEO
Louisville Tourism

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Ashli Watts
President & CEO

November 9, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

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In order to continue growing our state, providing better-paying jobs for our citizens, and making Kentucky more attractive for new investments, we must ensure our infrastructure is top-notch, especially in our biggest city. The Kentucky Chamber of Commerce is committed to advancing Kentucky by uniting our business community and advocating for them in Frankfort and in Washington. There have been some exciting investments announced in our Commonwealth over the past few years. In order to continue promoting Kentucky as a hub for both logistics providers and manufacturers, we must continue investing in our transportation infrastructure, in this case via the I-65 Bridge Bundling Project.

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Ashli Watts



LOUISVILLE
DOWNTOWN
PARTNERSHIP

November 10, 2023

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Louisville Downtown Partnership supports this project because of the increased safety, attractiveness, and traffic flow that this coordinated improved infrastructure would bring to Downtown.

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Sincerely,

Rebecca Fleischaker
Executive Director



November 7, 2023

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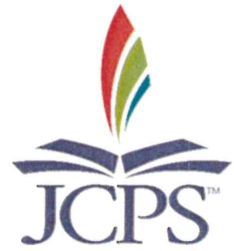
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Ken Marshall
U of L Health
Chief Operations Officer

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The project will likewise improve transportation access for students and families attending Jefferson County Public Schools (JCPS) along the corridor and elsewhere in the county. Any JCPS commitment to participate in the project is contingent upon approval by the JCPS Institutional Review Board and the Jefferson County Board of Education.

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Sincerely,

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Marty Pollio, Ed.D.
Superintendent

November 17, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dr. Ty Handy
President

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If funded, this project would be extremely beneficial to our students who commute to our campuses. Our largest campus, located adjacent to Interstate 65 in the heart of downtown Louisville and two of our campus buildings are within a few feet of the Interstate. We enroll over 5000 students at this downtown location, and we employ several hundred faculty and staff. Additionally, we use our downtown campus facilities to provide customized training for local business and industry partners. This means that hundreds of incumbent workers also use our campus on an ongoing basis. With so many users of our facilities, we have a vested interest in the condition and reliability of our transportation system. The improvements to the transportation corridor, as proposed in this project, are essential for the future growth of our institution and the students and employers we serve.

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Ty L. Handy
President

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