

# Obion County

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Secretary Raymond LaHood  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary LaHood:

On behalf of the Legislative Body of Obion County, Tennessee, we are pleased to provide this letter of support for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's (KYTC) Tiger III grant. This grant will allow KYTC to make needed upgrades to twenty-seven (27) miles of the Julian Carroll-Purchase Parkway from I-24 to US 45 in Mayfield, Kentucky, thus allowing the existing Parkway to be signed as I-69.

The seven state, 2,600 mile I-69 "Corridor of the Future" is crucial to our region's continued success. Feasibility studies have shown that I-69 has the potential to create 2,700 jobs, add \$11 billion in wages, and produce \$19 billion in value-added through the year 2025. At a time when our region struggles with unemployment rates at record high numbers and with the recent closing of the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company Plant located in Union City, Tennessee, Obion County, Tennessee strongly supports the efforts of KYTC in obtaining the Tiger III grant and making these vital upgrades.

We offer the U.S. Department of Transportation our thanks for consideration of this very worthy application and the Great State of Tennessee joins the Commonwealth of Kentucky by stating, once again, how proud we are to be a part of the "heart" of the I-69 Corridor.

Sincerely,



Benny J. McGuire  
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cc: Jim LeFevre, KYTC, Chief District Engineer