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The Honorable John Yarmuth
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Yarmuth:

Thank you for your letter, cosigned by Congressman Todd C. Young, urging approval of the Supplemental Final Environmental Impact Statement (SFEIS) for the Ohio River Bridges Project. I appreciate your longstanding support for this work.

In working with our partners, we agreed to take extraordinary steps to expedite this project. We continue to work closely with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and Indiana Department of Transportation to complete the SFEIS. We expect to approve it soon. Following our approval, we will make the SFEIS available to the public for 30 days. We can then approve the Record of Decision concluding the environmental review stage of project development.

As we reach these milestones, I commend you for your leadership in helping us overcome many challenges. We in the Federal Highway Administration have been pleased to work with congressional leaders, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, the Indiana Department of Transportation, the city of Louisville, and many other State and local officials to advance this vitally important project. We will continue to work with our State and local partners as they advance to construction.

A similar letter has been sent to Congressman Young. If I can provide further information or assistance, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,

Victor M. Mendez
Administrator