



May 8th, 2019

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: Support for the Columbus Crossroads INFRA Application

Dear Secretary Chao:

Columbus Crossroads is a \$1.3 billion, multi-phase project to transform the crossroads of Interstates 70 and 71 in Downtown Columbus. The project will impact not only the City of Columbus and its residents, but will also dramatically impact neighboring communities as well. The City of Canal Winchester, located just 15 minutes southeast of Columbus, is one of Central Ohio's fastest growing communities. The Columbus Crossroads interstate renovation project will benefit neighboring communities like ours by alleviating congestion, limiting freight travel-times and improving general transportation safety in the region.

I'm writing this letter to share our community's strong support for the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and City of Columbus' joint INFRA grant application for Phase 4 of the Columbus Crossroads project.

The City of Canal Winchester joins with the City of Columbus, Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC), and other partners in requesting that the U.S. Department of Transportation support this INFRA grant application. We believe that these improvements will add value to the State of Ohio, our region, and ultimately the United States.

Sincerely,

Mayor Michael Ebert
City of Canal Winchester

cc: Mr. Dan DeBono, Chief Infrastructure Funding Officer, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E. Washington, D.C. 20590