

March 18, 2021

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
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, Buttigieg:

On behalf of The Kokosing Group of Companies, I am writing this letter to express our strong support and to reinforce the strong regional support for the joint City of Columbus and Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) INFRA grant application for Phase 4 of the Columbus Crossroads project.

Our Company employs 3700 individuals and has 800 vehicles on the road daily. This Crossroads project has been a bottleneck and safety hazard for decades. The funding available to ODOT for this and other projects throughout the state has turned this into a 20 year plus journey. It could have been easily built in 5 years. This has created huge time waste, safety hazards and unnecessary pollution from cars sitting in snarled traffic. Finishing this next step of the project will not only help alleviate some of these concerns, but will also help reunite community, which was tore apart from the downtown when these interstates were first built in the 60's.

We respectfully request that the U.S. Department of Transportation consider the importance of these improvements to the restoration of our communities, the prosperity of our region and state, and the resiliency of the national interstate highway system; and we urge your consideration of the application.

Sincerely,



Wm. Brian Burgett

Chairman



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