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The Honorable Elaine Chao  
Secretary of Transportation  
U. S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590-0001

Dear Secretary Chao:

It has come to my attention that the City of Kansas City, Missouri in partnership with the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) is applying for a BUILD grant for a new Buck O'Neil bridge in downtown Kansas City.

The proposed new bridge will replace the existing Buck O'Neil Bridge that currently serves 40,000 vehicles per day. The new Buck O'Neil Bridge will provide a direct connection that did not previously exist from U.S. 169 to Interstate 35 and will improve connections to Interstate 29 and 70. Importantly, the new bridge will replace a weight-restricted bridge which will alleviate bottlenecks throughout the region.

It is my hope that you will give full and fair consideration to this application from the City of Kansas City, Missouri and MoDOT.

Sincere regards,



Roy Blunt  
Member of Congress