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The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary of Transportation
U. S. Department of Transportation
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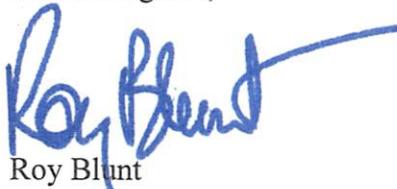
Dear Secretary Chao,

It has come to my attention that the Mid-America Regional Council, in collaboration with the Missouri Department of Transportation and the City of Kansas City, Missouri, is applying for a grant through the United States Department of Transportation's BUILD Transportation Discretionary Grant Program to conduct a planning study for the Interstate 29/Interstate 35 corridors.

This study would evaluate solutions for traffic north of the Missouri River in the Kansas City metropolitan area. The current I-29/I-35 junction serves over 85,000 vehicles daily. 35% of that volume is represented by truck traffic, a significant part of the freight traffic in the metropolitan area. The study would take into account these corridors, in addition to the adjacent highways and interstates, to find the best solutions to increase capacity and access.

The efforts of Mid-America Regional Council, the Missouri Department of Transportation, and the City of Kansas City to pursue infrastructure improvements for their residents is to be commended. It is my hope that you will give this grant application your full and fair consideration.

Sincere regards,



Roy Blunt
United States Senator