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Mr. Ron Schneider, Board President
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Dear Mr. Schneider:

Thank you for your April 20, 2011, letter to Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood regarding the Louisville Southern-Indiana Ohio River Bridges (LSIORB) project. The letter requests additional analysis concerning the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the project. Specifically, the letter requests that consideration be given to a variety of travel modes to meet the purpose and need of the project. In addition, the letter suggests the SEIS should include an assessment of the impact of oil prices on project costs and the mobility needs of the population, especially those who do not have the capability to own or operate a vehicle.

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is working with the Indiana Department of Transportation and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet in the development of the project's SEIS. The SEIS will review and update, as needed, the previously considered alternatives that meet the purpose and need of the project; namely, improving cross-river mobility between Clark County, Indiana, and Jefferson County, Kentucky. The SEIS will evaluate changes in traffic demand and congestion, project costs, and the mobility needs of the population. As part of the SEIS, the FHWA will assess if non-highway travel alternatives warrant additional study.

Regarding transit, please note the Transit Authority of River City proposed an amendment to the Kentuckiana Regional Planning & Development Agency for exploring options for public transit services between Southern Indiana and Louisville in conjunction with the LSIORB project.

Please contact Ms. Janice Osadczuk at (317) 226-7486 if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

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