



THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION

WASHINGTON DC 20590

June 6, 2011

The Honorable Todd Young
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Young:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Ohio River Bridges Project to link Louisville, Kentucky and southern Indiana.

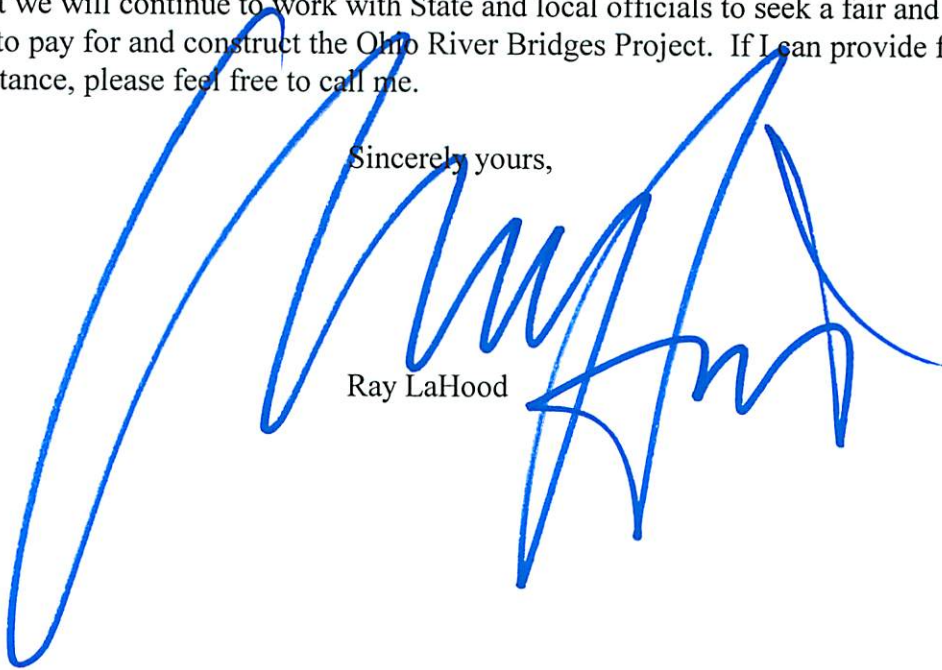
The U.S. Department of Transportation worked with officials in Indiana and Kentucky as they developed this vital project. The Federal Highway Administration is working with the States on a supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS) to review changes in the project. These changes include cost-saving approaches suggested by Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels, Kentucky Governor Steve Beshear, and Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer. In addition, the SEIS will consider the impact of the proposal to operate the new bridges downtown and in the eastern corridor as toll facilities.

We recognize that the Ohio River Bridges Project is of great interest to residents and businesses throughout the region. Public involvement is a key feature of the SEIS review, and project sponsors are planning to hold a series of public meetings to discuss the proposed changes and collect comments on them.

I can assure you that we will continue to work with State and local officials to seek a fair and equitable approach to pay for and construct the Ohio River Bridges Project. If I can provide further information or assistance, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely yours,

Ray LaHood

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