

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Victor M. Mendez
Administrator
Federal Highway Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Administrator Mendez:

We are writing to urge the prompt completion and approval of the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) for the Ohio River Bridges Project.

The Ohio River Bridges Project is a priority national transportation project which addresses the long-term, cross-river transportation needs of Louisville, Kentucky and Southern Indiana. This project will open up significant economic development opportunities on both sides of the Ohio River, create thousands of jobs and result in safer travel, less congestion and improved access to destinations in the region.

In November 2011, after consensus was reached on a financing plan for the project, including various cost-saving proposals and remedies for revenue shortfalls, the draft SDEIS for the project was approved. Now that the major financing concerns have been resolved, we are hopeful for an efficient and expedited completion of a final SDEIS to keep the project on target to begin construction in 2012.

Transportation investments to limit congestion, promote safety and increase access and mobility are key to promoting economic growth in Louisville and Southern Indiana. We look forward to continuing to work closely with your office, the Louisville and Southern Indiana Bridges Authority, the respective state level transportation officials, and both the Indiana and Kentucky Governors in order to complete the Ohio River Bridges Project as soon as possible.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

In service,



Todd C. Young
Member of Congress



John Yarmuth
Member of Congress