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The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary, United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao,

It has come to my attention that the City of Kansas City, Missouri is applying for an Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) grant to build 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 45,000 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 Interstate 70. Importantly, the new bridge will replace a weight-restricted bridge to allow for enhanced freight movement which will alleviate bottlenecks throughout the region.

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

Sincere regards,



Roy Blunt
United States Senator