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The Honorable James L. Oberstar
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The Honorable John Mica
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Oberstar and Ranking Member Mica:

I write to respectfully request the following projects be included in the new highway reauthorization legislation. Enclosed are hardcopies of my requests that were submitted electronically, as well as supporting documents.

The first three requests are all associated with the Eastern Corridor Multi-Modal Transportation Project. The Eastern Corridor Project includes major new capacity segments for the highway, along with expanded bus and transportation system management (including roadway network improvements, pedestrian and bike facilities). Investments in "Green Infrastructure" designed for supporting environmental stewardship and habitat preservation actions that enhance park and natural areas are also planned. The overall project has a benefit/cost ratio of about 2:1 based on transportation benefits alone. It will create over 10,000 new jobs and increase the Gross Regional Product by \$23 Billion. It also will reduce travel time by 21,000 hours, congestion by 15,000 hours, and vehicle miles traveled by 50 million miles.

- **Eastgate Area Improvements - Segment III/IVa – CLE SR 32, Ohio**
 - First Eastern Corridor Request -- \$79,000,000 requested to consolidate and manage access points by adding interchanges and eliminating at grade intersections and drives to improve capacity and safety on a portion of established SR 32, a limited access principal arterial roadway, east of IR 275 to CR-41, including coordination for accommodation of multi-modal highway, rail transit and bikeway components, and associated improvements to Aicholtz Road, Old SR 74, Eastgate Blvd., Eastgate North Drive, Elick Lane, and Bach-Buxton Road.

- **Multi-Modal Improvements, Segment II/III – HAM SR 32, Ohio**
 - Second Eastern Corridor Request -- \$11,600,000 million requested to consolidate and manage access points to establish relocated SR 32, a controlled access arterial roadway west of IR 275, including coordination

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for accommodation of multi-modal highway, rail transit and bikeway components, a new interchange, a multi-modal clear span bridge, and associated multi-modal transit hubs.

- **Oasis Rail Transit Corridor Improvements HAM/CLE, Ohio**
 - Third Eastern Corridor Request -- \$4,250,000 million requested to develop 17 mile Oasis Rail Transit Corridor. Includes, Oasis Segment 1 - Riverfront Transit Center to Boathouse; Oasis Segment 2 - Boathouse to US 50 in Fairfax; Oasis Segment 3 - Village of Fairfax to Village of Newtown along shared new highway to coincide with Highway Segment II/III; and Oasis Segment 4 - North of the Village of Newtown to the City of Milford and associated multi modal transit hubs.


- **Brent Spence Bridge, Kentucky and Ohio**
 - \$30,150,000 requested for Ohio's portion of the design phase. Design is anticipated to occur between 2010 and 2015. This project was initiated in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration to improve I-71, I-75 and the Brent Spence Bridge in the Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky region. This project will improve the operational characteristics through the corridor, for both local and through traffic by adding capacity, improving safety and correcting geometric deficiencies while maintaining connections to key regional and national transportation corridors.

- **Reading Road Grade Separation, Sharonville, Ohio**
 - \$16,656,000 requested to construct, plan, design, engineer, and conduct an environmental review of the Reading Road Grade Separation project.

- **Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority - Replacement Buses - Cincinnati, Ohio**
 - \$11,000,000 requested to replace (25) 40' SORTA vehicles that are beyond their useful life with diesel-electric hybrid buses.

Thank you both for the leadership you have shown in your efforts to reauthorize our nation's federal surface transportation programs. I deeply appreciate your consideration of these requests.

Sincerely,



Jean Schmidt
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

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Enclosures