

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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The Honorable Elaine L. Chao
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

I write to request your full consideration of the application submitted by the Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) for funding from both the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) discretionary grant program and the Infrastructure For Rebuilding America (INFRA) program for the reconstruction of 6.83 miles of US-34/US-75 between Plattsmouth and Murray, Nebraska. This project will convert the existing two-lane roadway to a four-lane, divided expressway.

This section of US-75 is part of an important corridor that connects Nebraska City with the City of Omaha metro area. This route has served as a critical alternate route for I-29 traffic following the Missouri River flooding in 2011. Traffic volumes are increasing rapidly, and segments of this area have accident rates significantly exceeding statewide averages. Reconstructing this segment will increase capacity and improve safety, which is critical to those who utilize this roadway. It will also provide a direct connection to the interstate system and convenient access to and from surrounding communities.

Restoring and upgrading this reliable traffic service is essential to continued growth in the Omaha metro area. I ask that you give full and careful consideration to NDOT's request.

Thank you for your consideration of this application.

Sincerely,



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