

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

May 9, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am contacting you on behalf of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) in Frankfort, Kentucky, regarding their application for the National Infrastructure Project Assistance (Mega) Program at the U.S. Department of Transportation.

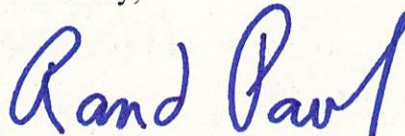
The Mega Program grant will support the KYTC – in collaboration with the Ohio Department of Transportation – in advancing the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project, which proposes to modernize the crossing that carries Interstate 71 and Interstate 75 over the Ohio River between northern Kentucky and Cincinnati, Ohio.

By adding much-needed capacity for vehicular travel and freight volumes transiting the river, the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor project will greatly improve the safety, efficiency, and reliability of interstate passenger and freight travel volumes throughout the region. Moreover, as I understand it, the project will promote continued economic development, ease congestion, improve air quality, and support job growth throughout the region.

Accordingly, because the proposal improves and enhances a critical interstate highway juncture of profound national and regional significance, and because the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project is a large, complex project that is likely to generate national and regional economic, mobility, and safety benefits, I believe the KYTC's application deserves full and fair consideration.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Upon the completion of this process, please contact Adam Salmon on my staff at (202) 228-0112, or by facsimile at (202) 228-3792.

Sincerely,



Rand Paul, M.D.
United States Senator