



April 14, 2009

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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES

17TH DISTRICT, OHIO

Dear Constituent:

The US House of Representatives Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure recently announced that it will begin its consideration of the federal highway program. This new bill will replace SAFE TEA -LU, the previous highway act passed in 2005 that will expire in September of 2009.

Attached to this email, you will find the information that outlines the principles that the Committee is following in this year's process to promote transparency and efficiency, as well as a questionnaire for any high priority projects that you want to submit for consideration for funding.

Because this year's process is more complex and has more requirements than previous years, it is urgent that you review the attached documents now and begin preparing for this process immediately. Some of the requirements that are included in the process are:

- All projects must meet eligibility criteria under Title 23 (Highways) or Chapter 53 of Title 49 (Public Transit) of the USC. Projects that are non-surface transportation related will not be considered. For clarification on what projects are eligible, go to: http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/html/uscode23/usc_sec_23_00000133----000-.html (Title 23/Highways) or http://www2.law.cornell.edu/uscode/html/uscode49/usc_sec_49_00005302----000-.html (Chapter 53/Public Transportation).
- Requests must identify funding to finance at least 80 percent of the total cost of the project by either (1) the amount requested or (2) the amount requested and other specifically designated Federal, state, local, or private funding sources. The intent of this provision is to increase the likelihood that construction of the project will be underway during the term of the act.
- All projects require at least a minimum 20 percent local match.
- All requests must include a letter of support from a state, regional, or local government official specifically supporting the project request. This letter should discuss the merits of the project; specify the process to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on the project; and identify the other sources of Federal, state or private funding that will be used to complete this project or project phase.

This letter must contain an explicit statement of support for the project. In addition, if this request is for less than 80 percent of the total estimated cost, the letter must identify other specifically designated Federal, state, local or private funding sources that, when combined with this request, equal at least 80 percent of the total estimated cost. Please use boldface font to highlight these statements in the letter. Copies of this/these letter(s) should be sent electronically with the project application. Please name the documents clearly so that they can be easily identified.

- **The deadline to submit projects to my office is Wednesday, April 29, 2009. Given the short time frame that we are facing, it is crucial that you meet that deadline. All questions must be answered fully in order for projects to be considered.**
- The Project Application Form MUST be submitted in Microsoft Word Format. The name of the document should conform to the following format:

City/County/Township.ProjectName.doc (or docx).

Examples of document file names are: "BelmontCounty.SR788Resurfacing.doc" or "NewDover.MainStreetBridgeRehab.doc"

- Each request (both the Application Form and the Support Letter) should be emailed together to one of the email addresses listed below. In the subject line of the email, please include the name of the project being submitted. For ease of processing, and to make sure that requests are not overlooked, **each** request should be sent separately. Copies of maps, etc. can be included with the application. Please select the appropriate address as determined by the geographic location of the project from the following list:

TimRyanTransAuthRequests.MahoningCo@mail.house.gov

TimRyanTransAuthRequests.TrumbullCo@mail.house.gov

TimRyanTransAuthRequests.PortageCo@mail.house.gov

TimRyanTransAuthRequests.SummitCo@mail.house.gov

TimRyanTransAuthRequests.OutOfDistrict@mail.house.gov

- **In order to keep my staff's email boxes from shutting down, please do not send requests to individual staff members. However, you may send staff an email without the attachments to let them know that a project was submitted or to ask questions.**

Kenneth Moss: 202-225-5261, Kenneth.Moss@mail.house.gov
Barbara Ewing: 330-740-0193, Barbara.Ewing@mail.house.gov
Ryan Keating: 202-225-5261, Ryan.Keating@mail.house.gov
Rick Leonard: 330-373-0074, Rick.Leonard@mail.house.gov
Ron Grimes: 202-225-5261, Ron.Grimes@mail.house.gov

Thank you again for this opportunity to serve my constituents.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress