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March 28, 2016

The Honorable Anthony R. Foxx  
Secretary of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington DC, 20590

RE: Evans Avenue RGS Improvement PID #80684

Dear Mr. Foxx,

As a Member of Congress that represents the City of Akron I am pleased to show my support for the City of Akron's FASTLANE Grant application for the construction of the Evans Avenue Railroad Grade Separation Improvement. This project will benefit the City of Akron and bordering City of Tallmadge by:

- Improving Public Health and Safety by separating the at-grade crossing of Evans Avenue from both CSX and MetroRTA railways. The roadway alignment will also be straightened eliminating 3 curves and a grade drop. Roadway will be designed with improved driver visibility and safety.
- Supporting area businesses by removing delays in transportation due to waiting for train crossings throughout the day. Businesses should see better flow of traffic through the area as well as better access to S.R. 8.
- Encouraging existing businesses to stay along with possible further development of City owned land through Economic Development.

This FASTLANE Grant request will help remove one potentially dangerous crossing for drivers but also create an inviting connection into and out of the cities of Akron & Tallmadge.

As Akron continues to work towards redeveloping its downtown area, this project will contribute to the regional significance of Akron and the safety of its residents. Your support and consideration for this vital transportation project for the people of the City of Akron is greatly appreciated.

Thank you in advance for the time and attention you will give this matter. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my Washington, D.C. office at 202-225-5261.

Sincerely,

Tim Ryan  
Member of Congress

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