

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 30, 2019

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Chao,

We write to express our support for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant application for the I-65 Mobility and Access Project as submitted by the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT).

The I-65 Mobility and Access Project addresses the rising demand for modernized transportation infrastructure by proposing to improve interchange spacing and design along I-65 between the cities of Indianapolis and Lebanon. Specifically, the project plans to construct or modify four interchanges along I-65 within Boone County, Indiana. These improvements will maintain and support the rapid growth in Whitestown and the surrounding community, which continues to be one of Indiana's fastest-growing regions.

If awarded, the associated BUILD grant will assist INDOT in minimizing traffic congestion, vehicular collisions, and out-of-direction travel that wears on the safety, mobility, and prosperity of this emerging community. As the primary artery between Indianapolis and Chicago, these vital infrastructure improvements along I-65 will ensure Boone County remains a regional logistics hub and has the capacity for continued economic growth.

We request you give the INDOT's BUILD grant request full and fair consideration, within applicable laws and regulations. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Todd Young  
United States Senator



Mike Braun  
United States Senator