

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

December 15, 2016

The Honorable Anthony R. Foxx  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx,

I write to bring to your attention the competitive grant application submitted by the Columbus Regional Airport Authority (Authority) for funding in the FY17 FASTLANE Program.

I understand the Authority has partnered with Norfolk Southern Railway, the Franklin County Engineer's Office, and the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission to assess improvements needed in the Rickenbacker Inland Port area. The project seeks to develop a third through lane in each direction to the existing stretch of Alum Creek Drive along a 2.3 mile stretch between State Route 317 to the south and Groveport Road to the north. Funding would help to reduce site congestion, allow additional opportunities to move Ohio-made products to market, and spur additional investment and economic development.

Please give all due consideration to this request. If there are any questions, please contact my grant coordinator, Linda Greenwood, at (419) 259-3895. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Rob Portman  
United States Senator