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

RE: Support letter for Franklin County's Rickenbacker Inland Port Project

Dear Secretary Foxx:

The Ohio DOT supports the Franklin County Engineer's FASTLANE application for the Rickenbacker Inland Port Interstate Connector, which includes adding a third through lane in each direction on Alum Creek Drive between State Route 317 and Groveport Road.

The Columbus Regional Airport Authority (CRAA) has partnered with Norfolk Southern Railway, the Franklin County Engineer's Office, and the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) to assess critical improvements needed in the Rickenbacker Inland Port area. This application represents a package that addresses the area's transportation network in a comprehensive, multimodal manner.

The transportation infrastructure improvements detailed in the application are increasingly critical to business retention and attraction in Central Ohio, as well as regional and statewide freight movements. We respectfully request that the U.S. Department of Transportation consider the importance of these improvements to the prosperity of one of our region's most important job-creating areas.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jerry Wray / 12/13/16".

Jerry Wray, Director