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Mr. Amit Bose
Deputy Administrator
Federal Railroad Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Room W 85-328
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Mr. Bose:

As you consider applications for the Federal Rail Administration's Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) grant program, I write to bring your attention to the application submitted by the City of Columbus.

The City of Columbus is seeking support for its Hilliard Rome Road Grade Separation Project. With CRISI funds, Columbus would be able to separate a hazardous at-grade railroad crossing on Hilliard Rome Road. Currently, residents are blocked from commuting due to long trains traveling through Columbus. This project would allow the city to improve transportation security for residents in the surrounding communities. The Hilliard Rome Road Grade Separation Project would allow Columbus to extend the impact of the federal and local investments made to the LinkUS West Broad Street Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) corridor.

This project is estimated to cost \$26 million; the City of Columbus has already been awarded \$3.3 million from the Ohio Rail Development Commission's Rail Crossing Elimination Program. Columbus is looking forward to maximizing local and federal funding to create better and safer transit opportunities for its residents.

As you consider applications for the CRISI grant program, I ask that you give full and fair consideration for the application from the City of Columbus. Please keep my office updated on the status of this application.

Sincerely,



Sherrod Brown
United States Senator