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The Honorable Ray LaHood  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary LaHood:

At the request of the government officials in the City of Columbia, Tennessee, it has come to my attention that they are seeking support from existing programs within the Department of Transportation to assist in a project of benefit to the community.

The project proposes to retrofit State Route 50/James Campbell Boulevard into a multi-modal corridor. The new plan and design was created as a result of a comprehensive community planning effort. It is my understanding that the city is providing your office a detailed package of information explaining the nature of this project. This project is designed as an initial effort towards revitalizing and redeveloping the area to support walk-ability, healthy neighborhoods, and economic competitiveness. Upon its completion, these improvements will serve to encourage and complement future private investments and developments in the city.

I would certainly appreciate the department reviewing the information provided by the City of Columbia and giving their request full consideration for assistance consistent with current regulations and guidelines.

I appreciate your time and attention to this matter, and please do not hesitate to contact my office if I can provide you with additional information on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Scott Desjarlais".

Scott Desjarlais, M.D.  
Member of Congress