

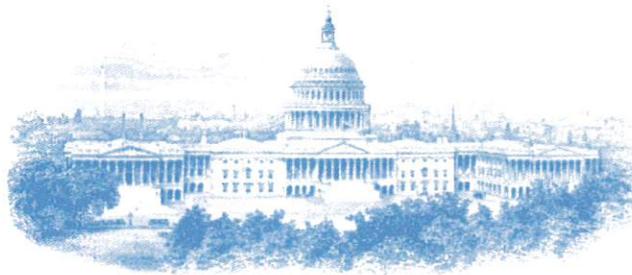
BUILD Grant Application to DOT
WAR-63 Priority Project in Warren County, Ohio
Warren County Transportation Improvement District

ATTACHMENT 23 – *Letters of Support*

STEVE CHABOT
MEMBER OF CONGRESS
FIRST DISTRICT, OHIO

INCLUDES MOST OF HAMILTON COUNTY
AND ALL OF WARREN COUNTY

DEAN OF THE OHIO
REPUBLICAN DELEGATION



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

July 2, 2019

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PROPERTY, AND THE INTERNET

The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave., S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

I am writing in regards to the FY2019 Department of Transportation (DOT) BUILD grant application submitted by the Warren County Transportation Improvement District, in conjunction with Warren County's Port Authority, the Ohio DOT, among other partners, for the WAR-63 Priority Project, which would provide roadway improvements for the Route 63 highway corridor in Warren County, Ohio.

I understand that this project will provide needed infrastructure support to rural and linked urban areas, address growing safety needs related to serious injury and fatal crashes, help deliver hundreds of millions of dollars of planned economic investment and job growth, as well as new efficiencies for travel, including transporting goods and services, in a heavily travelled and constrained corridor. Furthermore, it is our understanding that this project will advance and demonstrate a number of key policy initiatives put forward by DOT and the Administration in order to support the best use of public dollars and Return on Investment, including well-developed local partnerships, innovative elements of Value Capture, and more effective processes addressing environment elements of the corridor.

I wish the Warren County Transportation Improvement District, Warren County's Port Authority, the Ohio DOT, and their other project partners the best in this effort. I respectfully request that you give them every and full consideration in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations as you review and consider their BUILD grant application for roadway improvements to the Route 63 highway corridor in Warren County, Ohio. Also, please feel free to make this correspondence part of any public record.

Thank you for your time and consideration. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve Chabot". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underlining the name.

Steve Chabot
Member of Congress

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

June 5, 2019

The Honorable Elaine Chao, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Transit Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Madam Secretary,

We write to bring to your attention the competitive application submitted by the Warren County Transportation Improvement District to the FY19 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant program.

We understand that Warren County, in partnership with the Ohio Department of Transportation, the Warren County Board of Commissioners, and Turtlecreek Township, seeks funding for the State Route 63 Priority Project. This project would provide an improved link between I-75 and I-71 by widening the current two-lane road into four lanes, with a turning lane at the intersections and shoulders to improve traffic flow, and workspace for emergency crews after an accident. Additionally, it would realign the vertical profile to improve safety and progression of traffic flow.

This project takes the historical context of the area and the environment into consideration while also integrating community goals and quality of life for residents. Assistance from your agency would bolster this mid-point between Dayton and Cincinnati, and help create sustained economic growth for the region. Further, this project will better accommodate the traffic demand of this area as well as various types of vehicles and operating conditions, improve physical deficiencies on the roadway, improve overall mobility, and define access points along the route.

Please give all due consideration to this request. If there are any questions, please contact our offices. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Sherrod Brown
United States Senator



Rob Portman
United States Senator



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Secretary Elaine L. Chao
U.S. Secretary of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao,

This Board of Commissioners of Warren County wishes to communicate our support of the Warren County Transportation Improvement District's request being made to the U.S. Department of Transportation for a BUILD grant in the amount of \$12,500,000.

The capacity of State Route 63 has been significantly diminished over the last decade to the point that the current level of service is well below acceptable.

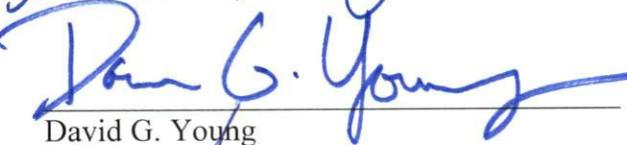
The grant application is for funding to improve State Route 63 between Union Road at the City of Monroe Corporation Limit to State Route 741 in Turtlecreek Township. State Route 63 is a crucial commercial transportation corridor linking I-75 with I-71 in Warren County. This roadway project will provide needed capacity, safety and the linkage necessary to support economic growth in Ohio's largest visitor's destination.

Thank you for your consideration of this much needed project for funding.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
WARREN COUNTY, OHIO


Shannon Jones, President


David G. Young


Tom Grossmann

cc: Neil Tunison, County Engineer
Dan Corey, Warren County TID



July 12, 2019

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

Re: WAR 63 BUILD application

Dear Ms. Chao,

This letter is to express the Ohio Department of Transportation's support for the WAR-63 priority project BUILD Grant Application submitted by the Warren County Transportation Improvement District.

ODOT has limited resources for capital expansion projects and is fortunate to have Warren County as a development and funding partner for this project.

The County recognizes the development that is already in the process of occurring and, having experienced like situations in the past, wants to get ahead of the curve and address the need while it is still possible to do so. We support the innovative approaches this project brings.

The Department commits to work with the local sponsor to identify eligible and available funding to support the project. This route is eligible for various sources of funding from existing ODOT programs.

We also accept that the project will expand our asset base, and we will incorporate it into our Transportation Asset Management Plan (TAMP).

We look forward to continuing to work closely with the Warren County TID to achieve the best value for the community, roadway users and ODOT investment.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in green ink that reads "Jack Marchbanks".

Jack Marchbanks, Ph.D Director