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

Secretary Chao,

The City of Gallipolis is very much in support of Gallia County Engineer Brett Boothe's proposed projects in and around our City. These projects would allow Gallipolis better connectivity to other areas along the Ohio River, as well as to larger cities and neighboring states.

The Southeast Ohio Innovative Smart Connection Project would improve our transportation infrastructure and eligibility for funding for new projects in the future. The extension of Bob Evans Farm Road would bring business to downtown Gallipolis and allow traffic an alternate way out in the event of flooding. Currently, there is only one way in or out of town during flooding or other emergency closure of the State Highway. Also, this would decrease the response time for emergency vehicles: Fire, EMS, or Police.

This project would not only benefit transportation and access to our area but also improve the safety of our citizens, encourage business development and open new opportunities to live and grow in our community.

The City of Gallipolis knows that this project would be a great benefit to our area. We respectfully request that the Southeast Ohio Innovative Smart Connection Project be approved.

Thank you,

Eugene Greene
Gallipolis City Manager

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