

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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

Dear Secretary Chao:

We are writing to express our support for the application submitted by the City of Hendersonville for funding through the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant program for their Saundersville Local Interstate Connector Grade Separation and Safety Improvements Project.

The City of Hendersonville, in collaboration with the Tennessee Department of Transportation and CSX Transportation, tells us that the Saundersville Local Interstate Connector Grade Separation and Safety Improvements Project will improve mobility, access, and safety in the area. Trains block this intersection fourteen times a day, creating traffic congestion on East Main Street, Saundersville Road, and Vietnam Veterans Boulevard—a major freeway that connects the surrounding neighborhoods of Nashville. The City of Hendersonville also tells us these improvements will help alleviate and manage traffic congestion as this area continues to develop as part of the metropolitan Nashville economy.

We hope you will give all due consideration to the City of Hendersonville's grant application. We'd be glad to furnish additional information, or your office may wish to be in touch with Lucas Da Pieve of Senator Alexander's staff at (202) 224-4944 or Elena Brennan of Senator Blackburn's staff at (202) 224-3344.

Sincerely,



Lamar Alexander  
United States Senator



Marsha Blackburn  
United States Senator