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Subject: Request for FHWA Non-Approval of Proposed Lane Configuration and Structural Repair Project on the Clark Memorial Bridge

To Whom It May Concern:

I write regarding plans for a bridge project connecting Indiana and Kentucky that could negatively impact the flow of traffic in the City of Jeffersonville, Indiana and the community at large. I appreciate your attention to these concerns.

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet intends to make structural repairs to the Clark Memorial Bridge that include the removal of existing sidewalk and installation of a safety barrier wall. This change reduces the available bridge width, requiring a revised lane configuration. According to KYTC, traffic modeling recommended a three-lane configuration consisting of two northbound lanes into Jeffersonville and one southbound lane into Louisville.

The proposed configuration raises significant operational concerns for the City of Jeffersonville, particularly regarding the reduction of southbound traffic to one lane and the impact it will have on safety and the flow of traffic. Under the current configuration of two lanes each direction, traffic already backs up the length of the bridge on a regular basis. The problem would only be compounded if reduced to a single lane. The impact on traffic flow and routes motorists will use instead to avoid traffic should not be ignored. I feel strongly that this project, as it is now, will not work.

During construction, traffic is expected to be reduced to one lane in each direction for the removal of sidewalk. This period would provide the clearest real-world indication of how single-lane conditions perform on both sides of the bridge. I request that KYTC partner with the Indiana Department of Transportation to monitor and analyze traffic operations during this phase before finalizing any permanent lane configuration. I request that INDOT have access to the modeling data to have a better understanding of how traffic would flow in Indiana.

Given the reasons above, I respectfully request that the Federal Highway Administration withhold approval of the current proposed configuration and repair plans until these concerns are resolved.

Thank you for your consideration. Indiana remains committed to working collaboratively with Kentucky, FHWA, and local governments in support of safe and reliable transportation infrastructure for our shared region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike Braun". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Mike Braun
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