October 30, 2019

Joe McGuinness, Commissioner
Indiana Department of Transportation
100 North Senate Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Commissioner McGuinness,

On behalf of the residents and businesses of Louisville, Kentucky, I am writing in support of the project to rehabilitate the Sherman Minton Bridge (I-64). This bridge is a vital piece of Louisville’s infrastructure and keeps our economy moving daily. It is also the lifeline for many of our residents in West Louisville, a majority of whom are African American. Many of these residents use this bridge daily to get groceries, go to work and take care of their daily needs. Many residents in the southern Indiana communities of New Albany, Jeffersonville and others use the Sherman Minton Bridge to get to the thousands of jobs located in Louisville.

While the work to rehabilitate the bridge is undoubtedly a great need in our community, it is equally important that we maintain equitable connections for all the residents in the region. I urge INDOT and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to work together to find solutions that keep at least one lane open to traffic in both directions for the duration of the construction. We understand that full closures may be necessary from time to time (e.g., announced evenings, possibly weekends), but a full closure is not acceptable to the residents and businesses in Louisville.

We would welcome the opportunity to sit down with your team to identify multi-modal solutions to provide equitable connections during construction. We hope to work together with your office and your staff to successfully complete this important project.

Should you or your staff have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me or my team.

Sincerely,

Greg Fischer
Mayor

cc: Project Manager
Secretary Greg Thomas, KYTC