



THE CITY OF  
**CANTON**  
THOMAS M. BERNABEI, MAYOR

October 17, 2017

The Honorable Elaine Chao  
Secretary of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

Thank you for the opportunity to express my full support for the US Route 30 Project on behalf of the City of Canton. The Route 30 Project is one of the top priorities in the City and will greatly benefit the economic development opportunities and job creation that have been delayed due to the current conditions.

This project allows for the next phase of US Route 30, which is a four-lane highway stretching across the entire state. The long term plans of this project includes a full freeway system opening up an east/west highway. In its current condition, US Route 30 is not capable of handling the number of vehicles that travel on it each day. Vehicles consistently experience traffic issues from Western Ohio to the Pennsylvania line.

The US Route 30 Project is a high priority for many reasons. It will allow for the completion of the gap closure to a four-lane, limited access facility across Ohio; it will greatly enhance the safety of travelers and appropriately accommodate traffic volume; it will enhance the level of service for through and local traffic; and it will promote desired economic development through utilization of an efficient east/west highway. The US Route 30 Project will not only help create economic growth but will also assist in sustaining current industry and future development through much-needed improved access to the region.

I want to personally thank you for your consideration of this project. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact myself or Dan Man Moeglin, Canton City Engineer at 330-438-6903.

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Bernabei  
Mayor