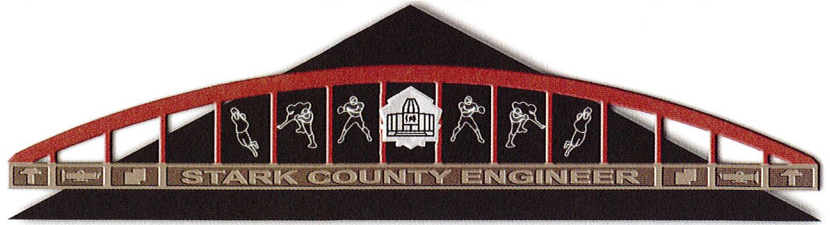


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October 16, 2017

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

Re: **Extension of US Route 30 in Stark, Columbiana and Carroll Counties**  
**Part 1 – Trump Avenue to State Route 44, Stark County**

Dear Ms. Chao:

I am writing to express my support for the referenced project. I believe the U.S. Route 30 project is extremely important for the future of eastern Ohio. The project would greatly enhance and support development in eastern Ohio and would greatly improve access to industries and ports along the Ohio River. The first phase of the project is the portion from Trump Avenue to State Route 44 in Stark County. This piece of the project is needed to improve the capacity and safety in and around East Canton that sees significant truck and vehicular traffic through the middle of the village. The project would provide a critical section of the link between eastern Ohio and western Pennsylvania.

I support the efforts of the Carroll, Columbiana and Stark Regional Transportation Improvement Project in obtaining the necessary funding. This project would greatly enhance the future of this region.

Your consideration of this project is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

**STARK COUNTY ENGINEER**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Keith A. Bennett".

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