# Congress of the United States
## Washington, DC 20510

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

Dear Secretary Chao:

As the Administration works toward finalizing a package to modernize America's infrastructure, we urge you to include funding for projects like the Greater Minnesota Gateway Highway 10/169 Corridor in Anoka County, Minnesota. Enabling the region to move forward with necessary improvements would increase the safety and efficiency of a critical corridor for Minnesota and its Twin Cities metropolitan area.

The Highway 10/169 Corridor is a heavily-travelled artery that provides an important connection to the rest of the region for several cities in Anoka County. Carrying more than 60,000 vehicles per day, the corridor helps students get to school, workers to job centers, and goods to market. Increased use has led to significant traffic delays and compromised driver safety. During rush hour, average speeds are one-third of the posted limit and backups can extend for more than a mile. According to the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT), a crash occurs every other day with twice the crash rate and three times the severity rate of comparable corridors.

To address these issues, MnDOT, Anoka County, the City of Ramsey, the City of Coon Rapids and the City of Andover have worked closely together to develop a comprehensive project plan for the corridor. These projects are projected to cut rush hour drive time in half, eliminate four signals to improve traffic flow, add a railroad grade separation to significantly reduce crashes and provide pedestrian accommodations to help protect lives. Federal support to move these projects forward will help prepare the region for the demands of the 21st century economy.

Thank you for your consideration of our request. We look forward to working with you to improve America's infrastructure.

Sincerely,

Amy Klobuchar
United States Senator

Tom Emmer
Member of Congress