

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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The Honorable Anthony Foxx  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx,

I write to bring to your attention the competitive grant application submitted by Union County, Ohio for funding in the Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment Initiative.

I understand that the City of Dublin, City of Marysville and Union County in cooperation with Battelle and The Ohio State University seek funding to make improvements to the U.S. 33 Corridor with the goal of improving traffic congestion and installing equipment for connected vehicles and autonomous vehicle research.

Union County officials indicate that implementing the NW 33 Innovation Corridor will deliver tangible safety, mobility, and environmental benefits to a region that is experiencing rapid population and employment growth. Roadside technology along U.S. 33 will support new connected vehicle applications that provide queue warnings and speed recommendations to drivers, as well as incident and emergency management support to first responders. Video equipment will be installed along the corridor to allow connected and autonomous vehicle tracking and open road testing.

The Central Ohio region is ideal for the deployment of new connected and autonomous vehicle technologies because it is both innovative and practical. Please give all due consideration to this request. If there are any questions, please contact my grant coordinator, Linda Greenwood, at (419) 259-3895. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Rob Portman  
United States Senator