

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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

Dear Mr. Secretary,

I write to bring to your attention the competitive grant application submitted by the City of Columbus (Columbus), Ohio for funding in the Smart Cities Challenge Program.

I understand that Columbus seeks assistance to improve access to jobs as well as continue the efficient movement of goods, access to services and mobility for disadvantaged residents, and regional visitors. Columbus believes it needs to expand biking and walking modes and adopt greater usage of renewable energy technologies. These challenges and needs will be addressed through building on the current and planned intelligent transportation systems in Columbus and the innovative projects outlined in the Columbus Smart City Challenge application.

Columbus is the ideal Smart City because of its impressive economic and population growth, culture of education and innovation, history of successful project delivery, and its current and proposed investments in intelligent transportation systems. 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