

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-1006

February 21, 2019

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao
Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Chao,

As the United States Congresswoman for the Sixth District of Georgia, I am pleased to support Cobb County, in partnership with the Cumberland Community Improvement District (CID), in its application for the Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) grant.

The Akers Mill Ramp project, within the boundaries of Georgia's Sixth District, represents a model public-private partnership that brings an opportunity to combine federal dollars with substantial investments by the public and private sectors in Georgia. Private investment by the Cumberland CID of nearly \$5.9 million has been matched by funds from public sector partners including Cobb County (\$15 million), the Georgia Department of Transportation (\$4.4 million), the Atlanta Regional Commission (\$10 million) and the Georgia Road and Tollway Authority (\$3.5 million).

This project will provide substantial regional traffic congestion relief and will help connect nearby communities in Georgia's Sixth District and surrounding areas. Considering all the innovative development in and around the Cumberland CID, and as our region continues to create new jobs and welcome new residents, I believe it is necessary to support this effort in order to address Atlanta's rapidly expanding transportation needs.

I humbly request that you fully consider Cobb County's proposal for funds through the INFRA grant.

Sincerely,



Lucy McBath

Member for Congress