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The Honorable Anthony R. Foxx  
Secretary of Transportation  
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RE: Evans Avenue RGS Improvement PID #80684

Dear Secretary Foxx,

As a Member of Congress representing the City of Akron, I am pleased to show my support for the City of Akron's FASTLANE Grant application for the construction of the Evans Avenue Railroad Grade Separation Improvement. This project will benefit the City of Akron and bordering City of Tallmadge by:

- Improving Public Health and Safety by separating the at-grade crossing of Evans Avenue from both CSX and MetroRTA railways. The railway alignment will also be straightened, eliminating three curves and a grade drop. Roadway will be designed with improved driver visibility and safety.
- Supporting area businesses by removing delays in transportation due to waiting for train crossings throughout the day. Businesses should see better flow of traffic through the area as well as better access to S.R. 8.
- Encouraging existing businesses to stay along with further development of City owned land through economic development.

This FASTLANE Grant request will help remove one potentially dangerous crossing for drivers but also create an inviting connection into and out of the cities of Akron and Tallmadge. As Akron continues to work towards redeveloping its downtown area, this project will contribute to the regional significance of Akron and the safety of its residents.

Your support and consideration for this vital transportation project on behalf of the people of the City of Akron and Northeast Ohio is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my Washington, D.C. office at 202-225-7032.

Sincerely,



Marcia L. Fudge  
Member of Congress