

February 23, 2026

The Honorable Sean Duffy  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590

RE: The City of Republic Route MM Corridor BUILD Application

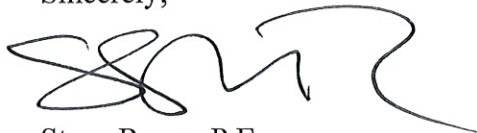
Dear Secretary Duffy:

The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) would like to pledge our support for the BUILD 2026 discretionary grant application for the City of Republic's Route MM Widening project, submitted in partnership with MoDOT, the Ozarks Transportation Organization and the City of Republic.

This project will significantly improve operational capacity, and mobility needs while addressing critical safety concerns along Route MM. This once rural freight corridor is quickly becoming a central urban economic hub, and the project will unlock further economic growth opportunities for companies and access to jobs. Route MM is a developing corridor and will continue to develop because of its proximity to interstate, rail, pipeline, and air freight. This project also enhances freight movement efficiency by turning a 2-lane arterial into a 4-lane with raised medians. This is the Springfield, Missouri area Metropolitan Planning Organization's top regional transportation improvement priority.

We would sincerely appreciate your consideration of the 2026 application for the Route MM Widening project. This application represents a strong partnership between the State of Missouri, the Ozarks Transportation Organization, and the City of Republic.

Sincerely,



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District Engineer

