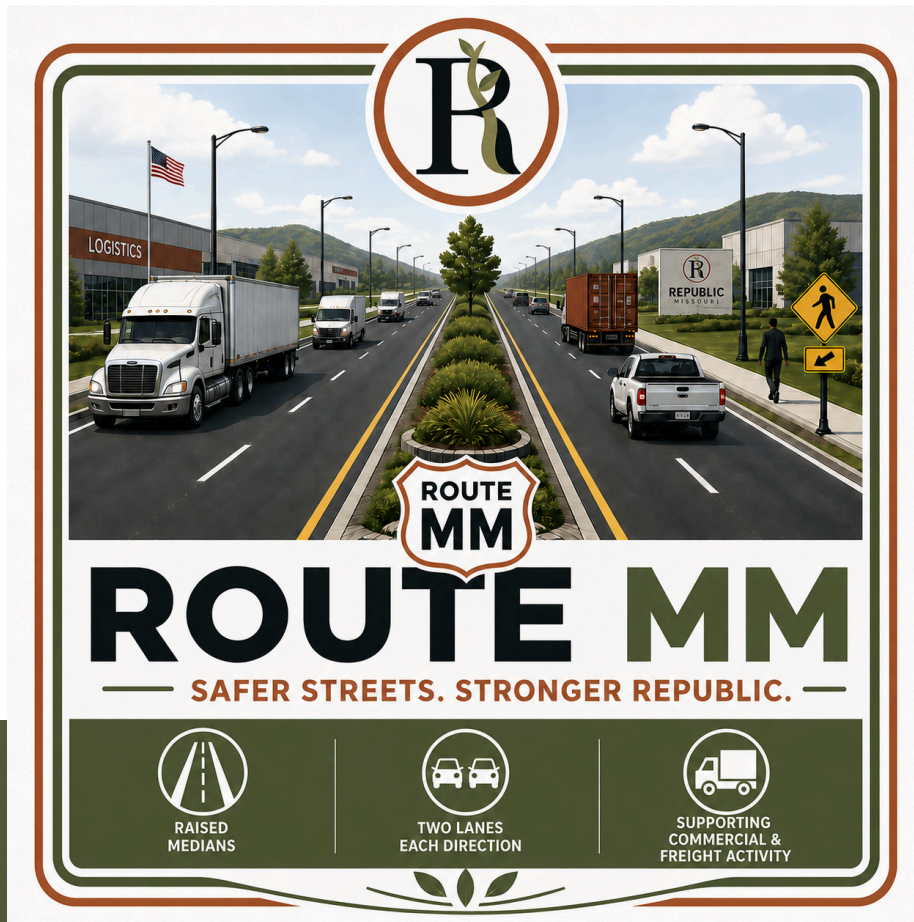


# Ozarks Transportation Organization



US Department of Transportation  
Safe Streets and Roads for All FY 2026  
Route MM: *Safer Streets, Stronger Republic*  
Letters of Support  
May 26, 2026



# United States Senate

May 21, 2026

Secretary Sean Duffy  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
Office of Infrastructure Deployment  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590

RE: Ozarks Transportation Organization - DOT Safe Streets and Roads for All, CFDA 20.939

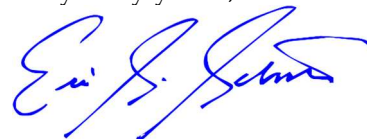
Dear Secretary Sean Duffy,

I write in support of the Ozarks Transport Organization's application for a Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant. The Organization will use SS4A funds to directly improve roadway safety and enhance traffic flow by converting a section of Highway MM into a divided 4-lane highway, improving dedicated turn lanes, adding traffic barriers and raised medians, and reworking several intersections. When completed, this route is projected to improve freight and commuter movement while improving access to local employment hubs, reduce emergency response times, and allow residents easier access to local schools and Springfield-Branson National Airport.

The Ozark Transportation Organization's SS4A proposal is a superior candidate for this program as it has a clear potential to improve roadway safety and capacity while enhancing the area's economic potential. With our republic's debt continuing to grow, it is crucial that all federal funds be apportioned responsibly, and it is vital that any SS4A funding be awarded to initiatives that clearly address the present needs of a community while fostering further development in the region they serve. As the funding for the Safe Streets and Roads for All program has already been appropriated, I expect and urge the Department of Transportation to closely monitor all project benchmarks to ensure that there will be a tangible return on any investment of taxpayer funds.

I encourage your office to consider the Ozarks Transportation Organization's application in accordance with all pertinent policy and regulations. Thank you for providing their request due attention.

Very truly yours,



Eric Schmitt  
United States Senator

ERIC BURLISON  
7th District, Missouri

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May 18, 2026

The Honorable Sean Duffy  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave SE  
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Secretary Duffy:

I am writing to express my strong support for the City of Republic's BUILD grant application for the Route MM – Safer Streets, Stronger Republic project.

This project will expand the existing two-lane rural route into a four-lane facility featuring a safety median, intermittent turn lanes, and related intersection and access-management improvements. The Route MM project will increase freight mobility, improve roadway safety, and provide better access for first responders throughout the area. The corridor along Route MM in Republic, Missouri, is experiencing rapid growth driven by new job creation and expanded housing opportunities. Over the past eight years, approximately 3,000 jobs have been created along the 2.5-mile corridor, with additional employment opportunities anticipated through pending development projects.

Highway MM connects two major transportation corridors, Interstate 44 and US 60, a combined 2,655-mile east-west route spanning the entire state of Missouri and connecting Oklahoma to Kentucky. Highway MM also serves as a primary route to the Springfield-Branson National Airport and Wilson's Creek National Battlefield. In addition, it is a critical north-south regional connection linking Christian County and the western portion of the City of Springfield to I-44.

The Highway MM project will improve safety for all road users and directly supports the Ozarks Transportation Organization Safety Action Plan goal of achieving zero fatalities by 2040. The City of Republic is one of the fastest-growing communities for young families in Missouri, having experienced 14% population growth since the 2020 Census.

I respectfully request your full and fair consideration of this application. Additionally, I ask that you keep my office informed of the proposal's progress and notify me when a decision regarding the grant recipients has been made.

Sincerely,



Eric Burlison  
Member of Congress

May 26, 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 SS4A Application

Dear Secretary Duffy:

The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) would like to pledge our support for the 2026 Safe Streets for All 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 address critical safety concerns along Route MM while significantly improving operational capacity and mobility needs. This once rural freight corridor is quickly becoming a central urban economic hub, and the project will preserve safety while supporting 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 safety by turning a 2-lane arterial into a 4-lane facility 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,



Stacy Reese, P.E.  
District Engineer





# OZARKS TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION

A METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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26 May 2026

The Honorable Sean Duffy  
State Capitol Building  
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Secretary Duffy,

I wanted to take a moment to acquaint you with the top transportation infrastructure project identified by the Ozarks Transportation Organization, the Springfield area metropolitan planning organization. The Route MM: *Safer Streets, Safer Republic* project located in Republic, Missouri will include four lanes with a median from I-44 south to MO 360/James River Freeway, as well as a large intersection improvement at Farm Road 144. The project improves safety, travel times, and freight movement. The corridor is on the Republic Police Department's top 5 crash locations with 332 crashes occurring in the last five years. The total project will cost \$21 million, with \$7 million in Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) discretionary grant funding requested to deliver the project.

The MM corridor is well positioned with access to rail, I-44, MO 360 and US 60. The airport is less than four miles from ready-to-go sites. Developments along the MM corridor are primed to leverage the benefits of the geographic positioning of Missouri and SW Missouri. Amazon, Convoy of Hope, McLane, Walmart Pharmacy Distribution, Ashley Furniture Distribution and many more have already located along the highway. There are an additional 800 acres available to be developed, the corridor is seeing increased traffic and with-it increased safety risk. The OTO adopted the areas Safety Action Plan, *Destination Safe Streets* in 2022. This project is part of *Destination Safe Streets* and remains a top safety project for the region.

We have unsuccessfully attempted 7 times to secure federal discretionary funding from the TIGER/RAISE/BUILD and RURAL USDOT programs. Even without additional funding, the partnership in funding the highway expansion project is tremendous. The City of Republic, Greene County, and MoDOT has committed \$2.4 million in local funds and the Ozarks Transportation Organization has committed \$.9 million in federal funds. In addition, MoDOT has committed \$8.9 million in safety and economic development funds. We are excited about this project and the impact of this significant infrastructure investment to the region and the State of Missouri. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Sara Fields  
Executive Director



Bob Dixon  
Presiding Commissioner

Rusty MacLachlan  
1<sup>st</sup> District Commissioner

John C. Russell  
2<sup>nd</sup> District Commissioner



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**COUNTY COMMISSION**  
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February 17, 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's Route MM FY 2026 BUILD Grant Application

Dear Secretary Duffy,

The Greene County Commission supports efforts by the Ozarks Transportation Organization, the Missouri Department of Transportation, and the City of Republic to secure FY 2026 BUILD funding for Route MM. Route MM is a rural 3.95-mile north-south arterial that connects U.S. 60, Interstate 44, and the James River Freeway. This prime location for supply chain-related industries has attracted major employers to our county. To capitalize on the comparative advantage of this corridor, we believe Route MM must be widened and enhanced with additional safety countermeasures to allow for further development and job creation in the area.

According to 2023 Census Bureau "On the Map" data, there are at least 1,659 jobs within the BUILD project area, of which 58.5% pay more than \$3,333 per month, compared to 42.8% of all jobs in Republic, Missouri. Increasing the density of living-wage jobs in this area will dramatically improve the quality of life in Republic and surrounding rural Greene County towns. Route MM's proximity to Springfield also offers employment opportunities for residents living in Historically Disadvantaged Census Tracts within our metropolitan hub. Jobs at Amazon, Walmart Pharmacy Central Infill, Red Monkey, Everything Kitchens, and other light industrial entities create opportunities for underemployed and unemployed individuals in our communities.

We appreciate your time and consideration of this grant application.

  
Bob Dixon  
Presiding Commissioner

  
Rusty MacLachlan  
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2nd District Commissioner



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January 28, 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's Route MM FY 2026 BUILD Grant Application

Dear Secretary Duffy,

This letter is to express strong support from the Springfield-Branson National Airport (SGF) for the FY26 application to the BUILD grant program for Route MM. Route MM connects I-44, US 60, and James River Freeway, the beltway around our metropolitan community. Roadway improvements will enhance safety and reduce congestion for the freight and passenger vehicles utilizing Route MM to-and-from our facility for trade and travel.

SGF is a fast-growing FAA designated small-hub airport serving 1.55 million annual passengers through four airlines and 15 direct destinations. The airport handled 30 million pounds of air cargo in 2025 by carriers UPS and FedEx and operates a 23 county SW Missouri Foreign Trade Zone (#225). We are also home to a Missouri Air National Guard Base, college flight and aircraft mechanic training programs, and an active general aviation community.

Route MM serves as the primary corridor for the airport and our region. The project will increase safety and connectivity by expanding the current two-lane arterial road into a five-lane corridor between Interstate 44 and Haile Street. Several businesses focused on the distribution of goods have built facilities along the corridor; Amazon and Walmart Pharmacy are two primary entities. The expansion of Route MM's capacity will increase safety and allow for more of the vacant land along the corridor to be developed into businesses with living-wage jobs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian C. Weiler".

Brian C. Weiler, A.A.E.  
Director of Aviation



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of the OZARKS

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- Taney County
- Truman Lake
- West Plains
- Willard
- Willow Springs

January 15<sup>th</sup>, 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 Highway MM "Corridor of Opportunity" BUILD Application

Dear Secretary Duffy,

The Community Foundation of the Ozarks is supportive of the City of Republic's application for FY2026 BUILD funds to improve Route MM. These improvements will increase opportunities for unemployed and underemployed individuals to gain access to living wage jobs. 2023 data from the Census Bureau's "On the Map" reports that there are 5,743 jobs within the City of Republic. 1,659 of those jobs are within the BUILD project area. 58.5% of the jobs along the Route MM Corridor pay more than \$3,333 per month compared to 42.8% of all jobs in Republic, MO. Increasing the density of living-wage jobs in this area will dramatically improve the quality of life and well-being of the region.

Economic development along Route MM will positively impact individuals living within lower-income areas of the region. The northern portion of Route MM sits within an "at-risk" zip code as designated by the Distressed Communities Index. Industrial job growth within proximity of MM will help increase the prosperity level of the area. Mixed-used developments like Iron Grain and Stone Creek Falls include apartments and town homes that are quality right sized housing within a short walk or commute. Additionally, the area is within a short drive of Springfield's Zone 1 and distressed rural communities surrounding Republic. Your investment in Route MM will help create more jobs for people in the Ozarks.

Sincerely,

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President/CEO



"Everywhere Should Be Like This"

January 15, 2026

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

Dear Secretary Duffy:

The Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to express support for the City of Republic's application for FY2026 BUILD funds to improve safety and roadway capacity along a corridor with 623 acres of developable land. The location's strategic access to the beltway around Springfield, I-44, US 60 and James River Freeway has already attracted the relocation of Convoy of Hope's global headquarters, an Amazon fulfillment center and a state-of-the-art Walmart pharmaceutical fill station. The site is within 5 miles of the Springfield-Branson Regional Airport and roughly 303 acres of land borders rail. This creates opportunities for the development of intermodal transportation projects.

2023 data from the Census Bureau's "On the Map" reports that there are 5,743 jobs within the City of Republic. 1,659 of those jobs are within the BUILD project area. 58.5% of the jobs along the Route MM Corridor pay more than \$3,333 per month compared to 42.8% of all jobs in Republic, MO. Increasing the density of living-wage jobs in this area will dramatically improve the quality of life and well-being of the region.

The ability to successfully develop the area along Route MM is contingent on the roadway's widening and other critical intersection improvements. Without these improvements, development will likely stall due to the corridor's limited capacity for freight traffic in its "as-built" state.

Support for transportation is a top, long-time priority for the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce and our continued economic strength depends on it. We respectfully request your consideration of this application for the City of Republic.

Sincerely,

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Matt Morrow, President  
Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce



February 12, 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 FY 2026 BUILD Application

Dear Secretary Duffy,

Convoy of Hope supports the efforts by the City of Republic, Ozarks Transportation Organization, and MoDOT to secure federal discretionary funding for roadway improvements to Route MM. If awarded, the project will widen MM from two-lanes to five lanes, make intersection improvements, and install applicable safety countermeasures between I-44 and Haile Street. These roadway improvements will positively impact our daily business operations.

The project will further bolster regional economic development by improving transportation efficiency and reducing barriers to industrial development on land located near Interstate 44, James River Freeway, and Highway 60. The development of living wage jobs along MM will provide opportunities for citizens living in near Republic. This will increase the quality of life of those living in Republic, Clever, Battlefield, western Springfield, Bois D'Arc, and Willard.

The Route MM Corridor provides prime access to the transportation beltway around Springfield, MO and other population hubs like Tulsa, Kansas City, and St. Louis. Development is currently limited to Route MM's capacity for additional freight and commuter traffic. Additionally, the short five-minute commute to the regional airport creates more advantages for supply chain related industries. Your investment will increase the density of quality jobs for hardworking individuals in the Ozarks.

Thanks for your time and consideration,



Keith Boucher  
Executive Chief Operating Officer

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February 10, 2026

The Honorable Sean Duffy  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
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RE: The City of Republic Route MM FY 2026 BUILD Application

Dear Secretary Duffy,

Republic R-III School District supports the efforts by the City of Republic, Ozarks Transportation Organization, and MoDOT to secure federal discretionary funding for roadway improvements to Route MM. If awarded, the project will widen MM from two-lanes to five lanes, make intersection improvements, and install applicable safety countermeasures between I-44 and Haile Street. These roadway improvements will positively impact our daily business operations.

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Thanks for your time and consideration.

Dr. Matt Pearce  
Superintendent of Schools

January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
The Honorable Sean Duffy  
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U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
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RE: The City of Republic Route MM FY 2026 BUILD Application

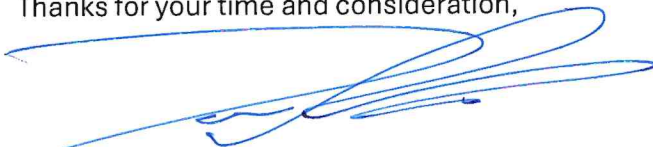
Dear Secretary Duffy,

SVN/Rankin Company supports the efforts by the City of Republic, Ozarks Transportation Organization, and MoDOT to secure federal discretionary funding for roadway improvements to Route MM. If awarded, the project will widen MM from two-lanes to five lanes, make intersection improvements, and install applicable safety counter measures between I-44 and Haile Street. These roadway improvements will positively impact on our daily business operations.

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Thanks for your time and consideration,



Tom Rankin, CCIM  
Managing Director



February 4<sup>th</sup>, 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 FY 2026 BUILD Application

Dear Secretary Duffy,

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Thanks for your time and consideration,

James P. Ferguson  
Manager



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February 16<sup>th</sup>, 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 FY 2026 BUILD Application

Dear Secretary Duffy,

Herrman Lumber Company supports efforts by the City of Republic to secure funding for roadway improvements to Route MM; we have been located at our facility since 2007. The current two lanes cannot support the constant activity on this corridor. As this area continues to expand, the situation will grow more dangerous, and impossible for businesses like Herrman Lumber to conduct operations. In addition to more lanes, light-controlled intersections will be essential. When you are in the trucking business, as Herrman Lumber and Convoy of Hope are, it does not matter how many lanes are on MM if you cannot access them. We feel that without this investment it will stifle the growth potential of the community and will handicap the businesses that are currently dealing with the situation.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Danny Burke'.

Danny Burke, COO

Herrman Lumber Company  
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January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
The Honorable Sean Duffy  
Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
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RE: The City of Republic Route MM FY 2026 BUILD Application

Dear Secretary Duffy,

**Oak Forest Properties LLC** supports the efforts by the City of Republic, Ozarks Transportation Organization, and MoDOT to secure federal discretionary funding for roadway improvements to Route MM. If awarded, the project will widen MM from two-lanes to five lanes, make intersection improvements, and install applicable safety countermeasures between I-44 and Haile Street. **( We do want to stress again, that we are not in favor of any middle median barriers)** These roadway improvements will positively impact our daily business operations.

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Thanks for your time and consideration,

Oak Forest Properties LLC  
Jim & Deneen Jenkins  
Owners

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Chief Executive Officer

February 10, 2026  
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RE: The City of Republic Route MM FY 2026 BUILD Application

Dear Secretary Duffy,

R.B. Murray Company supports the efforts by the City of Republic, Ozarks Transportation Organization, and MoDOT to secure federal discretionary funding for roadway improvements to Route MM. If awarded, the project will widen MM from two-lanes to five lanes, make intersection improvements, and install applicable safety countermeasures between I-44 and Haile Street. These roadway improvements will positively impact our daily business operations.

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Thanks for your time and consideration,

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**Robert B. Murray, Jr., SIOR**  
Chief Financial Officer

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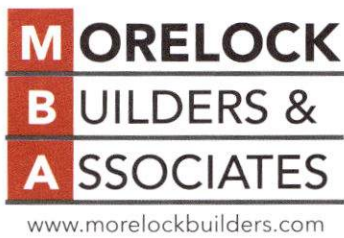


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**Ross H. Murray, SIOR, CCIM**  
President



January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590

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Crystal Webster  
Chief Executive Officer

P&E Investments, Inc.

February 16th, 2026  
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**REPUBLIC AREA  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

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Executive Director – Republic Area Chamber of Commerce