



Mr. John Hosek
Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency
1299 Superior Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44114

December 9, 2009

Dear Mr. Hosek:

I am writing to convey the support of Enterprise Community Partners for providing a cycling and pedestrian lane on the proposed I-90/71 bridge. I am told that the Ohio Department of Transportation as decided not to incorporate one into their plan. As ODOT proceeds through design and contracting, there are still chances to fix this. A bike and pedestrian lane can be a dramatic, beautiful, healthy and practical connection to downtown Cleveland and a wonderful new asset for Cleveland residents and visitors.

Enterprise is a national leader in helping to develop sustainable and livable communities. Providing cyclist and pedestrian access to the bridge is the right thing to do in this case. The new bridge could be available for all residents, especially those in the surrounding neighborhoods, not just those driving to or through downtown Cleveland.

Please provide a copy of my written comments to all NOACA Board members at the December 11th meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark McDermott", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mark McDermott
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cc: Craig Hebebrand, ODOT District 12