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Mr. John Hosek

Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency

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Dear Mr. Hosek:

I am writing to convey my support for providing a cycling and pedestrian lane on the proposed I-90/71 bridge, and disagree with the decision of the Ohio Department of Transportation not to incorporate one into their plan. As ODOT proceeds through design and contracting, there are still chances to include a bike and pedestrian lane. That would provide a dramatic, beautiful, healthy and practical connection to downtown Cleveland, and a wonderful new asset for Cleveland residents and visitors.

The majority of the people this agency serves lives in the central city and do not own cars. An increasing number are using bicycles and many walk to their destinations. Providing a safe and convenient route is a justice issue. I also live and walk in the Detroit Shoreway area, work in Ohio City, and would appreciate an additional connection to downtown that does not require an auto.

Providing cyclist and pedestrian access to the bridge is the direction of the future, and has been embraced by cities that recognize the trend to provide beautiful and convenient bike and walking trails and lanes. I hope Cleveland and Ohio will do the same.

Sincerely,

Carol Fredrich, M.S.W.

Executive Director

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