



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

December 10, 2009

Dear Mr. Hosek:

I am writing in support of providing a lane on the proposed I-90/71 bridge that is dedicated to pedestrians and cyclists. I disagree with the Ohio Department of Transportations decision not to incorporate one into the Innerbelt Bridge plan.

The new Innerbelt Bridge presents a perfect opportunity for the city to make a statement about its vision for the future. A pedestrian bike lane on the Innerbelt Bridge will provide Northeast Ohio residents practical connections to downtown Cleveland, to the east and west sides of the Cuyahoga River, and to the Towpath Trail. Whether they bike, walk or drive, the bridge should be available for all Northeast Ohio residents, not just those driving to or through downtown Cleveland.

As ODOT proceeds through design and contracting, there are still chances to incorporate the desired and necessary facilities to allow access to everyone on the bridge. 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.

Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Marie Kittredge', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Marie Kittredge  
Executive Director

