

# I-270 NORTH GAP PROJECT: GREATER ACCESS TO PROSPERITY

## Appendix A:

### Evidence of Non-Federal and Other Match Commitments

- Missouri Department of Transportation Commitment Letter
- St. Louis County





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February 20, 2020

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE  
Washington, DC 20590

**RE: Match Commitment Letter for  
I-270 North GAP Project: Greater Access to Priority**

Dear Secretary Chao:

On behalf of the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT), please accept this letter of our commitment to provide matching funds as detailed in our application to the *Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) Program* for the **I-270 North GAP Project**.

Please contact me if you have any questions at (888) 275-6636 or email at [Thomas.Blair@modot.mo.gov](mailto:Thomas.Blair@modot.mo.gov).

Sincerely,

Thomas K. Blair, P.E.  
District Engineer  
MoDOT St. Louis District

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February 20, 2020

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao, Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.  
Washington, DC 20590

**RE: Missouri Department of Transportation: I-270 North Gap Closure Project (St. Louis)  
Infrastructure for Rebuilding America Grant Proposal**

Dear Secretary Chao:

I am writing to express my full support for the Missouri Department of Transportation's (MoDOT) INFRA grant request for major system improvements on the Interstate 270 Corridor (I-270 North) in northeastern St. Louis County, Missouri.

MoDOT has been working diligently to address the needs of I-270 in our northland. Currently, however, there is an unfunded three-mile gap on the corridor. Within this gap, MoDOT needs to expand approximately two miles of the mainline from two to three lanes in each direction, resurface existing lanes and shoulders, and replace and rehabilitate several bridges and culverts. Without INFRA funding, this gap will remain undone despite completing (between MoDOT and IDOT) two other \$500 million major infrastructure rebuild projects. In Missouri, MoDOT has funded approximately \$250 million in improvements to rebuild and widen approximately 15 miles of the I-270 mainline, the outer roads system, and numerous interchanges. To the east, in Illinois, the Illinois Department of Transportation has funded replacing the I-270 bridge over the Mississippi River with two new bridges carrying three lanes in each direction. The I-270 mainline connection will also be widened from two to three lanes, in each direction for approximately two miles.

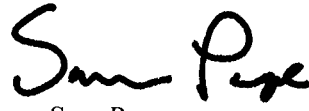
Completing the gap along I-270 North is important and receiving INFRA grant funds to do it is essential! To that end, St. Louis County is willing to contribute \$1 million towards the project pending County Council approval.

I-270 North is an integral part of St. Louis County's roadway network and necessary not only for goods movement across Missouri and within the Midwest, but to meet the overall mobility needs of thousands of our residents and visitors to and from job centers, social centers, and healthcare every day. In its current configuration, I-270 North is prone to safety and capacity issues that degrade the region's ability to serve local and regional needs and economic growth demands. We applaud and support MoDOT's efforts to improve I-270 North to improve safety, reduce congestion, and contribute to personal and economic wellbeing.

When we speak of goods movement it is imperative to understand that our region is home to the third largest inland port, with positioning at the crossroads of six Class I railroads and strategic access to national interstates, international passenger and cargo airports, and significant pipelines. We believe strongly that the area's Amazon's Distribution Center as well as other large industrial and warehousing facilities on both sides of the river would benefit from these improvements.

Because of the profound benefits to the local, regional, and national transportation system and the project's ability to improve safety, reduce congestion, improve the overall efficiency of the network, and add to the region's economic vitality, we encourage you to give the application favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sam Page". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "S" at the beginning.

Sam Page  
County Executive