



February 17, 2026

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

Dear Secretary Duffy:

On behalf of the City of Tuscaloosa, I am writing to express our strong support for the City's application under the BUILD Program to replace the Stillman Boulevard Bridge and implement critical pedestrian access improvements.

For more than a decade, Tuscaloosa has prioritized strategic infrastructure investment as a foundation for public safety, economic growth, and neighborhood revitalization. Since the April 27, 2011 tornado, our community has taken a deliberate and forward-looking approach to rebuilding stronger and smarter. Replacing the Stillman Boulevard Bridge is consistent with our long-term recovery, resiliency, and capital improvement strategies.

The existing bridge has reached the end of its useful life and no longer meets modern structural or multimodal design standards. Its replacement will significantly enhance safety, improve freight and commuter mobility, and incorporate dedicated pedestrian facilities that strengthen connectivity between West Tuscaloosa neighborhoods and major educational institutions, including Stillman College and the University of Alabama. These improvements directly support our goals of increasing workforce access, encouraging walkability, and ensuring equitable mobility options for all residents.

This corridor is essential to regional connectivity and serves surrounding rural communities that rely on Tuscaloosa as an employment, healthcare, and education hub. Modernizing the Stillman Boulevard Bridge will reinforce our city's role as an economic engine for West Alabama while ensuring the infrastructure supporting that growth is safe, reliable, and built to modern standards.



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The City of Tuscaloosa is committed to responsible stewardship of federal resources and to delivering projects that provide measurable improvements in safety, state of good repair, and long-term economic competitiveness. We respectfully request your full and favorable consideration of this BUILD application.

Thank you for your leadership and partnership in strengthening America's transportation infrastructure.

Sincerely,

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Walt Maddox
Mayor
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

Please accept this letter as a statement of my support for the City of Tuscaloosa's application for funding under the BUILD Program to replace the Stillman Boulevard Bridge and implement pedestrian access improvements.

The Stillman Boulevard Bridge is aging, functionally outdated, and essential to maintaining safe and reliable connectivity for residents, students, workforce participants, and local businesses. Its replacement represents a strategic rural investment focused on safety, mobility, and long-term state of good repair. Located within the City of Tuscaloosa, this project is important to the entire West Alabama region—an area with significant infrastructure and economic constraints common to rural communities nationwide.

In addition to its regional impact, this project would greatly enhance local use. It would significantly improve structural integrity, modernize roadway design, and add dedicated pedestrian infrastructure to increase safety and accessibility. It would strengthen access to key institutions, including Stillman College and the University of Alabama, improving workforce mobility and educational access while reducing transportation barriers for surrounding neighborhoods.

Improving the lives of all Alabamians through needed infrastructure investment is among my top priorities as Governor. It is foundational to attracting private investment, supporting job creation, and ensuring rural communities remain connected to regional and national markets. The Stillman Boulevard Bridge Replacement Project reflects these goals by delivering measurable safety improvements while supporting regional economic vitality. To this end, your full consideration of the City of Tuscaloosa's BUILD Grant application will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kay Ivey".

Kay Ivey
Governor

February 18, 2026

The Honorable Sean Duffy
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**Re: City of Tuscaloosa –
FY 2026 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant**

Dear Secretary Duffy,

I am writing to offer my strong support for the City of Tuscaloosa's FY 2026 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant application to advance a major transportation improvement in West Tuscaloosa, referred to as the Stillman Boulevard Bridge Replacement and Pedestrian Access Improvement Project. The Stillman Boulevard corridor serves as a vital link in West Tuscaloosa, connecting neighborhoods with schools, local businesses, workforce destinations, and major educational institutions including Stillman College and the University of Alabama; as a result, placing increased pressure on transportation infrastructure not originally designed to accommodate today's combination of local travel, school traffic, and regional movements. Detailed within the city's application, this pressure has resulted in the Stillman Boulevard Bridge reaching the end of its service life and no longer meeting current safety, mobility, or multimodal needs.

The Stillman Boulevard Bridge Replacement and Pedestrian Access Improvement Project is designed to improve community connectivity through reduced travel delays and implementing dedicated pedestrian and bicycle facilities that improve access to employment, education, and essential services. By providing alternative transportation methods and improving roadway safety, the project is expected to foster long-term economic opportunities in a rural-serving area, enhance overall system performance, and improve travel reliability. I am certain this critical infrastructure investment will offer widespread benefit, including enhanced mobility and connectivity, improved emergency response and operational reliability, and a more resilient transportation network.

I fully support the City of Tuscaloosa's FY 2026 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development grant application and commend their advancement of a project that reflects strong local leadership and consistency with local transportation planning goals. I look forward to the positive impact this investment has on safety and mobility in Tuscaloosa.

Very truly yours,



Tommy Tuberville
United States Senator



CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
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TERRI A. SEWELL
ALABAMA, 7TH DISTRICT

February 20, 2026

The Honorable Sean Duffy
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
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Dear Secretary Duffy:

As the U.S. Representative for Alabama's 7th Congressional District, I am pleased to offer my strong support for the City of Tuscaloosa's application for funding under the BUILD Program to replace the Stillman Boulevard Bridge and implement critical pedestrian access improvements.

Investments that strengthen rural communities, expand economic opportunity, and improve infrastructure safety remain a priority for West Alabama. Although located within the City of Tuscaloosa, the Stillman Boulevard corridor serves surrounding rural communities that rely on this bridge for access to employment centers, higher education, healthcare, and essential services. For many residents, this connection is foundational to daily life and economic participation.

The existing bridge has exceeded its intended service life and no longer meets modern design standards. Replacing it will enhance structural reliability, improve freight and commuter mobility, and incorporate dedicated pedestrian infrastructure to better protect students, workers, and families. The project will also strengthen safe access to anchor institutions such as Stillman College and the University of Alabama, supporting workforce development and educational attainment across the region.

Rural communities often face disproportionate challenges when aging infrastructure limits connectivity and economic growth. The Stillman Boulevard Bridge Replacement Project represents a strategic investment in state of good repair, mobility, and long term regional competitiveness. It will reduce safety risks, improve multimodal access, and ensure that West Alabama remains connected to broader economic opportunity.

I respectfully urge full and fair consideration of the City of Tuscaloosa's BUILD application, particularly under the program's rural funding emphasis. This project aligns strongly with federal priorities to strengthen infrastructure and support communities that depend on reliable transportation networks. For additional inquiries, please reach out to my staff at quin.kelly@mail.house.gov.

TERRI A. SEWELL
Member of Congress



U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC

February 16, 2026

The Honorable Sean Duffy
Secretary of Transportation
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Dear Secretary Duffy:

As a Member of Congress from Alabama, I am writing to show my support for the City of Tuscaloosa's application for funding under the U.S. Department of Transportation's BUILD (Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development) Grant Program for the Stillman Boulevard Bridge Replacement and Pedestrian Access Improvement Project. This critical infrastructure project will replace aging bridge infrastructure while enhancing pedestrian connectivity, safety, and mobility for residents, students, and businesses in the area.

The Stillman Boulevard Bridge serves as a vital transportation corridor in Tuscaloosa, providing key access to educational institutions, local businesses, and surrounding neighborhoods. Replacement of this bridge is essential to ensure the continued safety and efficiency of this corridor, which supports both local economic development and regional transportation connectivity. The project also includes modern pedestrian and bicycle access improvements, fostering safer, more sustainable transportation options for the community.

Investing in this project will not only improve public safety and accessibility but will also stimulate economic growth by supporting local jobs during construction and enhancing access to key areas of Tuscaloosa. I strongly urge the Department of Transportation to consider the City of Tuscaloosa's BUILD grant application.

I ask that you give this request your most thoughtful and serious consideration. If you need additional information, please contact Kreg Kennedy in my Tuscumbia district office. The

contact information is given below, or he can be reached at kreg.kennedy@mail.house.gov. Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Robert B. Aderholt
Member of Congress

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Dear Secretary Duffy:

I write to express my strong support for the City of Tuscaloosa's application for funding under the BUILD Program to replace the Stillman Boulevard Bridge and implement critical pedestrian access improvements.

As a member of the Alabama Senate Transportation and Energy Committee and the Alabama Senate Finance and Taxation General Fund Committee, and as a long-time advocate for rural communities across West Alabama and the Black Belt, I understand the direct connection between infrastructure investment and economic opportunity. Rural communities often depend on a limited number of transportation corridors, and when those assets age or deteriorate, the impacts on safety, commerce, and daily mobility are significant.

The Stillman Boulevard Bridge in Tuscaloosa is a critical connector for residents traveling to employment centers, healthcare providers, and higher education institutions. The existing structure has exceeded its intended service life and does not meet modern safety and design standards. Replacing the bridge will improve structural reliability, enhance freight and commuter mobility, and add dedicated pedestrian infrastructure to better protect students, workers, and families who rely on this corridor.

This project also strengthens access to key educational anchors, including Stillman College and the University of Alabama, supporting workforce development and regional competitiveness. Throughout my legislative service, I have worked closely with local governments and state agencies to advance infrastructure solutions that promote equity, safety, and long-term economic sustainability in underserved and rural areas. The Stillman Boulevard Bridge Replacement Project reflects those priorities by delivering measurable improvements in safety, connectivity, and state of good repair.

I respectfully urge the U.S. Department of Transportation to give full and favorable consideration to this BUILD application, particularly under the program's rural funding emphasis. Strategic federal investment in projects such as this ensures that rural Alabama remains connected, competitive, and positioned for growth. Thank you for your leadership and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bobby Singleton".

Bobby Singleton
Alabama State Senate Minority Leader
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Dear Secretary Duffy:

As Chair of the Tuscaloosa County Delegation in the Alabama House of Representatives, I am writing to express my strong support for the City of Tuscaloosa's BUILD grant application to replace the Stillman Boulevard Bridge and implement critical pedestrian access improvements.

In my role representing Tuscaloosa County, I have consistently prioritized public safety, infrastructure modernization, and economic opportunity for both urban and rural communities. The Stillman Boulevard Bridge is a critical transportation link for residents throughout Tuscaloosa and surrounding rural areas, providing essential access to employment centers, educational institutions, healthcare facilities, and community services. Its replacement addresses a vital need by improving safety, mobility, and reliable regional connectivity.

The existing bridge has exceeded its intended service life and no longer meets modern design standards. Replacing it will strengthen structural integrity, incorporate safe pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, and enhance access to key anchors such as Stillman College and the University of Alabama. These improvements support workforce development, promote community engagement, and foster economic growth across West Alabama.

Reliable and modern infrastructure is essential to sustaining quality of life and regional competitiveness. The Stillman Boulevard Bridge Replacement and Pedestrian Access Improvement Project represents a strategic investment in state of good repair, safety, and connectivity — priorities I have long championed as Chair of the Tuscaloosa County Delegation.

I respectfully urge the U.S. Department of Transportation to give full and favorable consideration to this BUILD application, which will deliver lasting benefits to residents, students, and businesses throughout our community.

Sincerely,

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Ron Bolton
Chair, Tuscaloosa County Delegation
Member, Alabama House of Representatives, District 61



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

February 17, 2026

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

On behalf of Stillman College, I write with enthusiastic and unqualified support for the City of Tuscaloosa's application for funding under the BUILD Program to replace the Stillman Boulevard Bridge and implement critical pedestrian access improvements. This investment is both timely and essential — and I urge the Department to give it every favorable consideration.

Founded in 1876, Stillman College is a historically Black liberal arts institution with deep roots in West Tuscaloosa and an enduring mission to transform lives through education. The Stillman Boulevard corridor is far more than an access route — it is a lifeline for our students, faculty, staff, and visitors. Each day, members of our campus community traverse this bridge to reach classrooms, residence halls, employment centers, and essential services throughout the city. Its condition is not an abstract infrastructure concern; it is a daily reality for the people we serve.

The existing bridge's age and outdated design create safety and mobility challenges that fall disproportionately on those with the fewest alternatives. The proposed replacement will modernize the structure, improve roadway reliability, and deliver the enhanced pedestrian infrastructure that students who walk or bike between campus and surrounding neighborhoods urgently need. Improved lighting, sidewalks, and multimodal design elements will meaningfully advance both safety and dignity of access for our community.

Beyond our campus, this project strengthens the broader fabric of West Alabama. It deepens connectivity between Stillman College and neighboring institutions — including the University of Alabama — expanding pathways for collaboration, workforce development, and shared economic vitality. Reliable infrastructure is not incidental to student success; it is foundational to it, and to the long-term growth of our community.

The Stillman Boulevard Bridge Replacement and Pedestrian Access Improvement Project represents a transformative investment in safety, mobility, and educational access. For Stillman's students — many of whom are first-generation college students who depend on safe pedestrian connectivity — this is not merely an infrastructure project. It is an investment in possibility, and in the futures of the next generation of Alabama's leaders.

I respectfully and urgently urge the U.S. Department of Transportation to give full and favorable consideration to the City of Tuscaloosa's BUILD application. Thank you for your leadership and your commitment to building transportation systems that strengthen communities, expand opportunity, and uphold the promise of higher education for all Americans.

Sincerely,

Yolanda W. Page, Ph.D.
President

February 18, 2026

The Honorable Sean Duffy
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Dear Secretary Duffy:

On behalf of the Tuscaloosa County Economic Development Authority (TCEDA), I am pleased to offer our strong support for the City of Tuscaloosa's application for funding under the BUILD Program to replace the Stillman Boulevard Bridge and implement critical pedestrian access improvements.

TCEDA's mission is centered on strengthening Tuscaloosa County's competitive position for job creation, private capital investment, workforce development, and long-term economic resilience. Modern, reliable infrastructure is foundational to each of these priorities. The Stillman Boulevard Bridge is a vital transportation asset connecting residents and businesses within Tuscaloosa and the broader West Alabama region. Its replacement is essential to maintaining efficient freight movement, dependable commuter access, and investor confidence in our regional transportation network.

As we work to recruit and retain advanced manufacturing, logistics, and technology-driven industries, site selectors consistently evaluate roadway capacity, structural reliability, and multimodal accessibility. Aging infrastructure presents risk — both operational and economic. Replacing the Stillman Boulevard Bridge will improve state of good repair, enhance safety, and ensure that surrounding industrial and commercial corridors remain attractive for future expansion and private-sector investment.

The project also strengthens connectivity to key workforce and educational anchors, including Stillman College and The University of Alabama. Improved pedestrian and multimodal infrastructure will enhance access for students and employees traveling between residential neighborhoods, campuses, and employment centers — directly supporting our workforce pipeline objectives.

Strategic infrastructure investments such as this position Tuscaloosa County to remain competitive in an increasingly demanding economic environment. The Stillman Boulevard Bridge Replacement and Pedestrian Access Improvement Project aligns squarely with TCEDA's priorities of infrastructure readiness, workforce mobility, and sustainable economic growth.

We respectfully urge the U.S. Department of Transportation to give full and favorable consideration to the City of Tuscaloosa's BUILD application. Thank you for your leadership and commitment to strengthening America's transportation infrastructure and the economic vitality it supports.

Sincerely,



Justice Smyth
Executive Director
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Dear Secretary Duffy,

I am writing to express my strong and unwavering support for the City of Tuscaloosa's application for the 2026 BUILD grant to fund the Stillman Boulevard Bridge Replacement and Pedestrian Access Improvement project. As the State Representative for House District 63 in Tuscaloosa, I recognize the critical importance of infrastructure investments that enhance safety, strengthen economic opportunity, and ensure reliable access to education and employment—particularly for residents in rural and underserved areas of our region.

The Stillman Boulevard corridor serves as an essential connector between neighborhoods, schools, and employment centers. Replacing the aging bridge and improving pedestrian infrastructure will significantly enhance safety for motorists, pedestrians, and cyclists while improving connectivity to key educational institutions, including Stillman College and the University of Alabama. As a member of the Alabama House Ways and Means Committee, I understand the importance of fiscally responsible investments that produce measurable economic returns. This project will protect existing assets, reduce long-term maintenance costs, and promote economic vitality by improving freight and commuter reliability along a critical local route.

Additionally, my service on the Education Policy Committee underscores the importance of safe and dependable transportation routes that allow students and families to access schools and workforce training opportunities without barriers. The pedestrian access improvements included in this proposal directly support multimodal mobility and improve


safe access for students and residents who rely on walking and cycling as primary means of transportation.

The BUILD program's emphasis on safety, state of good repair, economic competitiveness, and rural connectivity is directly reflected in this project. The Stillman Boulevard Bridge replacement represents a strategic investment in infrastructure that strengthens regional resilience, supports economic growth, and enhances quality of life throughout Tuscaloosa County.

I respectfully urge the U.S. Department of Transportation to give full and favorable consideration to this application. This project is well-positioned to deliver lasting transportation benefits consistent with the objectives of the 2026 BUILD grant program.

Thank you for your leadership and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Norman Crow

State Representative, House District 63
Tuscaloosa, Alabama



February 20, 2026

The Honorable Sean Duffy
Secretary
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Dear Secretary Duffy:

On behalf of the Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama and our membership of businesses, manufacturers, small enterprises, and community partners, I am pleased to express our strong support for the City of Tuscaloosa's BUILD grant application to replace the Stillman Boulevard Bridge and implement critical pedestrian access improvements.

The Chamber's mission is focused on advancing economic competitiveness, strengthening workforce development, supporting infrastructure readiness, and promoting regional collaboration across West Alabama. The Stillman Boulevard Bridge is a vital transportation asset serving employers and employees throughout Tuscaloosa and the surrounding rural communities. Its replacement directly advances key BUILD merit criteria, including safety, state of good repair, mobility and community connectivity, and economic competitiveness.

From a safety and state of good repair standpoint, the project addresses an aging structure that has exceeded its intended service life and no longer meets modern design standards. Replacing the bridge will improve structural reliability, modernize roadway geometry, and incorporate enhanced pedestrian infrastructure that better protects motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians.

From an economic competitiveness perspective, reliable transportation infrastructure is a fundamental consideration for site selectors and expanding industries. This corridor supports freight movement, commuter access, and connectivity to major employment and educational anchors, including Stillman College and the University of Alabama. Modernizing this infrastructure reinforces investor confidence, supports job creation, and strengthens the regional workforce pipeline.

The Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama believes the Stillman Boulevard Bridge Replacement and Pedestrian Access Improvement Project represents a strategic investment aligned with the objectives of the BUILD Program and essential to the continued growth and resilience of our region.



We respectfully urge the U.S. Department of Transportation to give this application full and favorable consideration.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to strengthening America's transportation infrastructure.

Sincerely,

Kyle South

President & Chief Executive Officer
Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama



Jerad S. Tate, PG
President
Druid City Bicycle Club

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October 22, 2025

Mr. J. Clint Bradford
Office of the City Engineer
City of Tuscaloosa

Re: Stillman Boulevard Bridge Replacement

Dear Mr. Bradford

On behalf of the Druid City Bicycle Club (DCBC), I am writing to express our strong support for the proposed replacement of the existing sidewalk along the Stillman Boulevard corridor with a shared use path. DCBC recognizes the value of infrastructure improvements that promote alternative transportation, enhance public safety, and encourage connecting communities.

The transition to a shared use path will provide a safer and more accessible route for pedestrians, cyclists, and other non-motorized users. This improvement aligns with broader goals of reducing vehicular emissions, promoting active lifestyles, and improving connectivity between neighborhoods and key destinations such as schools, parks, and commercial areas.

Additionally, the shared use path will contribute to the aesthetic and functional enhancement of the corridor, supporting both environmental and economic development objectives.

Sincerely,

Jerad S. Tate, PG
DCBC President 2025



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Dear Secretary Duffy:

On behalf of the Saban Center, I am pleased to offer our strong support for the City of Tuscaloosa's BUILD grant application to replace the Stillman Boulevard Bridge and implement critical pedestrian access improvements.

The Saban Center's mission is to inspire and equip children and families through hands-on learning, STEM education, and innovative programming that prepares the next generation for success in a dynamic workforce. As a regional destination for education and discovery in Tuscaloosa and West Alabama, safe and reliable transportation infrastructure is essential to ensuring that students, educators, and families can access our programs without barriers.

The Stillman Boulevard corridor is a key connector for neighborhoods, schools, and community institutions. Replacing the aging bridge and enhancing pedestrian infrastructure will significantly improve safety and accessibility for children and families traveling between residential areas and educational anchors, including Stillman College and the University of Alabama. Improved multimodal connectivity strengthens the broader educational ecosystem that supports student success and workforce readiness.

Investments in infrastructure are investments in opportunity. The Stillman Boulevard Bridge Replacement and Pedestrian Access Improvement Project aligns directly with our mission by promoting safe access to learning environments, expanding community connectivity, and supporting long-term economic and educational growth.

We respectfully urge the U.S. Department of Transportation to give full and favorable consideration to the City of Tuscaloosa's BUILD application. Thank you for your leadership and commitment to strengthening transportation systems that serve children, families, and communities nationwide.

Sincerely,

Audrey Buck
Executive Director
Saban Center

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Dear Secretary Duffy:

RE: City of Tuscaloosa BUILD Grant

On behalf of the Tuscaloosa County Commission, I am pleased to express our support for the City of Tuscaloosa's BUILD grant application to replace the Stillman Boulevard Bridge and implement critical pedestrian access improvements.

Although the project is located within the City of Tuscaloosa, the Stillman Boulevard Bridge serves residents throughout Tuscaloosa County and surrounding rural communities who depend on this corridor for access to employment centers, healthcare facilities, education, and essential services.

The existing bridge has exceeded its intended service life and no longer meets modern structural or multimodal standards. Replacing the structure will improve safety, strengthen freight and commuter mobility, expand economic development opportunities, and ensure long-term state of good repair. The addition of enhanced pedestrian infrastructure will provide safer access for residents traveling between neighborhoods and key institutions, including Stillman College and the University of Alabama.

Maintaining reliable transportation connections is critical to sustaining economic competitiveness and supporting responsible growth across West Alabama. Strategic infrastructure investments such as the Stillman Boulevard Bridge Replacement Project protect taxpayers' prior investments, reduce long-term maintenance burdens, and position the region for continued development and job creation.

The Tuscaloosa County Commission respectfully urges the U.S. Department of Transportation to give full and favorable consideration to the City of Tuscaloosa's

BUILD application. This project represents a prudent and necessary investment in safety, connectivity, and regional vitality.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to strengthening transportation infrastructure across the nation.

Sincerely,



Ward D. "Rob" Robertson, III
Chairman, Tuscaloosa County Commission
Judge of Probate