

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 the University of Alabama, 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 University and the City of Tuscaloosa share a deeply connected partnership centered on student success, research excellence, workforce development, and regional economic growth. Reliable, modern infrastructure is essential to sustaining this partnership. The Stillman Boulevard corridor serves as an important connector for students, faculty, staff, and research collaborators who travel throughout West Tuscaloosa and surrounding neighborhoods each day.

Replacing the aging bridge will enhance structural safety, improve multimodal mobility, and incorporate upgraded pedestrian infrastructure that better protects those who walk or bike between residential areas, campuses, and employment centers. These improvements align with the University's priorities of expanding opportunity, strengthening community engagement, and supporting a safe and accessible environment for learning and innovation.

As Alabama's flagship public research institution, we recognize that strong infrastructure underpins economic competitiveness, talent retention, and long-term growth. The Stillman Boulevard Bridge Replacement and Pedestrian Access Improvement Project represents a strategic investment in safety, connectivity, and regional vitality.

The University of Alabama respectfully urges 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 the transportation systems that support communities and institutions of higher education nationwide.

Sincerely,



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Dear Secretary Duffy:

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

As the State Representative for House District 18 and a member of the **House Committee on Transportation, Utilities and Infrastructure** and the **House Committee on County and Municipal Government**, I have long prioritized investments that improve public safety, strengthen infrastructure, and expand access to economic opportunities for both urban and rural communities across West Alabama. Reliable transportation systems are essential to connecting residents to jobs, education, healthcare, and essential services — particularly for those living outside the urban core who depend on these critical corridors for daily travel.

The Stillman Boulevard Bridge serves not only the residents of Tuscaloosa but also families, workers, and students from surrounding rural areas who rely on this route to access employment centers, higher education, and medical care. The existing bridge has exceeded its intended service life and no longer meets modern safety or design standards. Its replacement will enhance structural integrity, improve multimodal mobility, and incorporate safe pedestrian infrastructure that benefits all who use this vital corridor.

This project directly supports the key BUILD Program criteria, including improved safety for motorists and pedestrians, restoration of good repair by modernizing aging infrastructure, and increased economic competitiveness by strengthening connectivity between residential areas and major employment and educational anchors such as



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Stillman College and the University of Alabama. By enhancing transportation access for both urban and rural residents, this project will expand workforce opportunities, support local businesses, and improve quality of life for communities throughout the region.

The Stillman Boulevard Bridge Replacement and Pedestrian Access Improvement Project represents a strategic investment in safety, connectivity, and long-term economic vitality for West Alabama. I respectfully urge the U.S. Department of Transportation to give full and favorable consideration to this BUILD application, recognizing the essential role this corridor plays for rural families as well as city residents.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Lamb". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rep. Bill Lamb
House District 18