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Mr. Marshall Carrier, KYTC Project Manager  
Mr. Jim Poturalski, INDOT  
Ohio River Crossing I-69 ORX  
1970 Barrett Court, Suite 100  
Henderson, Kentucky 42420

Dear Mr. Carrier & Mr. Poturalski:

On behalf of the Greenways Foundation of Indiana's Board of Directors, I am contacting you both to advocate for the inclusion of a separate bicycle and pedestrian facility as part of the new I-69 bridge project. Accommodating this structure will greatly enhance safe, non-motorized connections between destinations located in and nearby Evansville and Henderson.

The Greenways Foundation is a charitable trust working to promote the growth, enhancement and use of Indiana greenways. We work closely with both public and private entities towards this goal, and we proudly partner with both Indiana Trails and the Evansville Trails Coalition (ETC) to promote the inclusion of a bicycle and pedestrian facility on the new bridge.

On this note, we are in receipt of ETC's letter to your office dated September 17, 2020 that outlines in great detail the precedents for including said facility and the many reasons why this non-motorized connection is vital to their region. We strongly concur with all the reasoning and conclusions stated in their letter. Of note we agree with the following statement:

*"Alternative plans that incorporate pedestrian and bicycle accommodations and motor vehicles on the new I69 ORX Bridge should be presented by the I69 ORX project Design Team. There are two options: modify the new I69 ORX Bridge to facilitate pedestrian and bicycle use or keep a/the Highway 41 bridge(s) for active transportation purposes. It can and should be done, as national precedent has been set by other interstates, freeways, major thoroughfares and bridges that have safe, separate, protected pedestrian and bicycle accommodations."*

In light of the mounting interest in bicycle and pedestrian transportation options, we ask for your serious consideration of either of these two options.

Sincerely,

Mitch Barloga, AICP  
Board President

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