



August 22, 2022

The Honorable Eric Holcomb
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The Honorable Any Beshear
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Dear Governors Holcomb and Beshear,

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I am writing on behalf of the East Coast Greenway Alliance in regards to the 1-69 Ohio River Crossing (1-69 ORX) project. I want to express our concern about the current I-69 ORX Bridge Project Design plan and our hope that the current plan will be updated to make it possible for people on foot, bike, wheelchair, and other people powered mobility devices to safely cross the Ohio River.

The non-profit East Coast Greenway Alliance leads the development of a walking and biking route stretching 3,000 miles from Maine to Florida. We The East Coast Greenway is designed to transform the 15 states and 450 communities it connects through active and healthy lifestyles, sustainable and equitable transportation, community engagement, climate resilience, active tourism and more. Learn more: greenway.org. Our Greenways for All work extends nationally to bring the vision to life of completing world-class trail and greenway systems, making safe biking and walking accessible across the United States.

We share the concerns of other organizations including Indiana Trails, Evansville Trails Coalition, Bicycle Indiana, the American Discovery Trail, and Adventure Cycling, regarding the accessibility of this project and need for a safe Ohio river crossing.

This project has great potential to connect and strengthen communities in two states. Our Greenways for All work has taught us that it is important for everyone to have access to jobs, business districts, medical facilities, family members and friends, and recreational activities regardless of whether they can afford to and are able to drive a motor vehicle. Accessible facilities for people walking and biking is critical to creating making our communities liveable for all.

Including bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure on a retrofit of an existing structure or on a new bridge is possible from an engineering perspective and given the scale of cost for these projects, is generally a very, very small percentage of the total project cost.





Please revise current plans to ensure that everyone, no matter their mode of transportation have safe, comfortable access to this incredible public investment. Please take the time to review the design to include a safe, separated, and protected accommodations for people walking, biking, and rolling by people power. Please future proof this bridge to allow for healthy transportation choices for people and for the environment.

Thank you,

Allison Burson

Allison Burson
National Greenway Director

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