

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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

Dear Secretary Duffy:

We write to express our strong support for the application submitted by the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) for funding from the Bridge Investment Program (BIP) Planning and Bridge Discretionary Grants Program. Federal assistance would enable NHDOT and the City of Concord to complete critically needed bridge rehabilitation and roadway improvements to the Loudon Road (NH Route 9) bridge over the Merrimack River. The project would improve vehicle, cyclist and pedestrian safety and accessibility along this portion of a heavily traveled corridor.

As one of Concord's most important east-west transportation links, the Loudon Road Bridge supports daily community traffic, access to state government agencies and regional economic activity. It serves as a multi-modal transportation connection between the central downtown core of Concord and the Heights neighborhood located east of the Merrimack River. This corridor accommodates significant regional and commuter traffic, carrying nearly 20,000 vehicles per day. The bridge is also the primary link between Interstate 93 (Exit 14) and several state agencies located within a large state office complex on nearby Hazen Drive.

With support from the BIP Planning and Bridge Project Grants Program, NHDOT would implement needed improvements to this critical infrastructure through a project that has been carefully planned and coordinated with the City of Concord. Proposed improvements would address the structural deficiencies and extend the service life of the bridge. Current National Bridge Inventory (NBI) ratings place the structure on New Hampshire's "red list," a category reserved for bridges requiring interim inspections due to poor condition. Additionally, improved safety and operational efficiency would be gained through revisions to the roadway geometry and upgrades to the traffic signals. Its inclusion in New Hampshire's 2025-2028 Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan, New Hampshire's Draft 2027-2036 Ten-Year Transportation Plan and the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission's 2025-2034 Transportation Improvement Plan reflects its importance to the region's economy and quality of life.

Funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation is a critical component of the Loudon Road Bridge Rehabilitation Project. We support this application from the New Hampshire Department of Transportation and urge your favorable consideration of its worthy proposal. Please do not hesitate to contact our offices if you have additional questions or need more information.

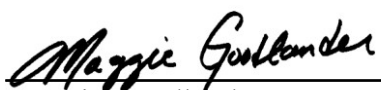
Sincerely,



Jeanne Shaheen
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United States Senator



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