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May 31, 2019

Dear Director Hobson-Morris:

I am writing to call your attention to the proposed Interstate-49 Inner City Connector (ICC) in Shreveport, and your office's review of the Cultural Resources Survey (CRS) for that project. It is my understanding that your office just recently received the draft report and that SHPO generally takes 30 days to review and provide comments. Considering the importance of the project and the significant amount of time already spent drafting and reviewing the CRS, I respectfully request that you conduct your review as quickly as possible.

As you may know, the CRS has been plagued by bureaucratic delay, continually pushing back the issuance of a record of decision, and ultimately, commencement of the project's construction phase. In fact, it was relayed to me that the CRS document with Federal Highway Administration comments were ready for your office's review as early as March 25th, but due to an oversight or miscommunication, SHPO did not receive the CRS until the week of May 13th.

The above example is just one of many instances that have needlessly set back a project that will contribute greatly to the local economy and achieve the ultimate goal of a fully connected I-49. I understand that your office did not contribute to these delays, but I would like to draw your attention to them and respectfully urge you to complete your review of the CRS and provide comments as quickly as possible. Thank you very much for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike Johnson". The signature is stylized and includes a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Mike Johnson
Member of Congress

cc: Lieutenant Governor Billy Nungesser