

June 25, 2026

Dear US Department of Transportation-Secretary Duffy,

I am writing to highlight the significant impact of the closure of the 12th/15th Avenue Bridge on Sanford Ambulance operations and emergency medical services in the community.

Sanford Ambulance relies heavily on this bridge as a key route for reaching patients quickly across the cities. With the bridge closed, ambulance crews are required to take longer detours, which directly affects their ability to meet their critical goal of a 9-minute response time. These delays can have serious implications for patient outcomes in life-threatening emergencies where every minute counts.

In addition to emergency response, the bridge also serves as an essential route for medical transfers between facilities. Sanford Ambulance frequently uses this corridor to transport patients to both the VA Hospital and Sanford Hospital. The closure significantly complicates these transfers, increasing travel time and placing additional strain on resources.

Given the vital role this route plays in emergency medical services and patient care, I urge consideration of solutions that can minimize disruption and help restore efficient passage as soon as possible.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and your continued commitment to the health and safety of our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Meyer', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Tim Meyer, Senior Director  
Sanford Ambulance