

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

June 24, 2026

The Honorable Sean Duffy  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
Ninth Floor, West Building  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590-9898

Dear Secretary Duffy:

We write to express our support for the joint application submitted by the City of Fargo, North Dakota, and the City of Moorhead, Minnesota, to the Bridge Investment Program (BIP). Thank you for your consideration.

This project would replace the 12th/15th Avenue North Bridge, a critical regional asset linking North Dakota and Minnesota across the Red River of the North. In its current condition, the structure is highly vulnerable to flooding, resulting in frequent closures disrupting daily travel, emergency response and freight movement. These closures sever a key east-west transportation corridor, forcing traffic onto already constrained routes and creating inefficiencies rippling throughout the Fargo-Moorhead metropolitan area.

The importance of this crossing extends well beyond local mobility. The corridor provides direct access to essential services, including the Fargo VA Medical Center, Sanford Health's Broadway Medical Center, North Dakota State University, and Fargo-Hector International Airport. It also supports access to major employment centers such as the Fargo Industrial Park, making it vital for both workforce mobility and regional economic productivity.

The 12th/15th Avenue North Bridge Replacement is a high-impact, regionally significant project delivering lasting benefits well beyond its footprint and aligns closely with USDOT priorities, including infrastructure resilience, equity, safety and economic competitiveness. Investing in this crossing will strengthen a vital interstate connection while delivering long-term value to the broader region.

Accordingly, we hope this application receives your favorable consideration, and all of North Dakota's applications receive your full and fair consideration. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please keep us informed of the review process, and feel free to contact us with any updates or inquiries you may have.

Sincerely,



John Hoeven  
U.S. Senator



Kevin Cramer  
U.S. Senator



Julie Fedorchak  
Member of Congress