THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590

April 22, 2013

The Honorable Bill Shuster
Chairman
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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183 S	Highway	Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority (CTRMA)	Austin, TX	8/1/2012
Route 460	Highway	Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)	Southeast VA	8/2/2012
I-77 HOT Lanes	Highway	North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT)	Charlotte, NC	8/7/2012
Knik Arm Crossing	Highway	Knik Arm Bridge and Toll Authority (KABATA)	Anchorage, AK	8/14/2012
SH 288	Highway	Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT)	Houston, TX	8/22/2012
SH 183	Highway	TxDOT	Dallas County, TX	8/22/2012
Grand Parkway (SH 99)	Highway	TxDOT	Houston Metro, TX	8/22/2012
IH 35 E	Highway	TxDOT	Dallas/Denton County, TX	8/22/2012
Mid-Currituck Bridge	Highway	NCDOT	Outer Banks, NC	8/27/2012
Tappan Zee Bridge	Highway	NY State Thruway Authority	Rockland/ Westchester County, NY	9/5/2012
CDA ConRAC ATS	Multi modal	Chicago Department of Aviation	Chicago, IL	9/7/2012
Northwest Corridor	Highway	Georgia Department of Transportation	Atlanta, GA	9/17/2012
Chicago Riverwalk	Highway	Chicago Department of Transportation	Chicago, IL	9/24/2012
East End Crossing (Ohio River Bridges)	Highway	Indiana Finance Authority	Louisville, KY/IN	9/25/2012
Downtown Crossing (Ohio River Bridges)	Highway	Kentucky Public Transportation Infrastructure Authority	Louisville, KY/IN	9/27/2012
Kansas City Streetcars	Transit	Kansas City	Kansas City, MO	9/28/2012
Treme Iberville Project	Transit	City of New Orleans	New Orleans, LA	9/28/2012