

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

June 10, 2021

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: City of Monroe Louisiana Kansas Lane Road Extension

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

We write today in strong support of the City of Monroe Louisiana's RAISE application for the Kansas Lane Road Extension Regional Multi-Modal Connector. This project is critical to retain and attract jobs to Northeast Louisiana and will provide easy access and multi-modal options for commuters, students and commercial traffic.

The City of Monroe is requesting \$15.2 million in order to complete construction of a new four-lane undivided 2.5 mile extension of Kansas Lane and construct bicycle and pedestrian pathways to provide additional transportation options for low income residents. This extension will reduce traffic congestion along U.S. 80 and U.S. 165, while improving area-wide mobility and safety and providing direct access to residential and commercial areas. The new roadway will reduce the critical response time for emergency responders who are traveling to neighborhoods in northeast Ouachita Parish. In addition, Louisiana State Police identified U.S. 80 east of Kansas Lane as problematic because it is used as an alternate route for Interstate 20 for hazardous materials.

The Kansas Lane Extension is the last element in a multi-modal project connecting the region's manufacturing and education hub, the regional airport and an Intermodal Transportation Center at the University of Louisiana at Monroe, and the region's medical, retail and employment hub to the Interstate Highway System. The completion of this project will be a key factor in spurring economic development in the region.

We ask that you give every consideration to the City of Monroe's application. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Bill Cassidy, M.D.

Bill Cassidy, M.D.
U.S. Senator

John Kennedy

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U.S. Senator

Julia Letlow

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U.S. Representative



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John Bel Edwards, Governor
Shawn D. Wilson, Ph.D., Secretary

July 7, 2021

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: City of Monroe Louisiana Kansas Lane Road Extension

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I write today in support of the City of Monroe Louisiana's RAISE application for the Kansas Lane Road Extension Regional Multi-Modal Connector. This project is critical to safety and quality of life in several low-income neighborhoods identified as areas of persistent poverty, as well as to retain and attract jobs to Northeast Louisiana.

The City of Monroe is requesting \$15.2 million in order to complete construction of a new four-lane undivided 2.5-mile extension of Kansas Lane. This extension will reduce traffic congestion along existing U.S. 80 and U.S. 165, while improving area-wide mobility and safety and providing direct access to residential and commercial areas. The new roadway will facilitate the expansion of public transit to an underserved area, while decreasing through traffic through several low-income neighborhoods that have been identified as areas of persistent poverty. This change in traffic flow will increase safety, quality of life and state of good repair for the area. In addition, the new roadway will reduce the critical response time for emergency responders who are traveling to neighborhoods in northeast Ouachita Parish.

The Kansas Lane Extension is the last element in a multi-modal project connecting the region's manufacturing and education hub, the regional airport and an Intermodal Transportation Center at the University of Louisiana at Monroe, and the region's medical, retail and employment hub to the Interstate Highway System. The completion of this project will be a key factor in spurring economic development in the region.

I ask that you give every consideration to the City of Monroe's application.

Sincerely,

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Shawn D. Wilson, Ph.D.
Secretary

RESOLUTION

STATE OF LOUISIANA

NO. 8014

CITY OF MONROE

The following Resolution was introduced by Marshall who moved for its adoption and was seconded by Dawson.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR FRIDAY ELLIS TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE A GRANT APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF ~~\$15,200,000.00~~ TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REBUILDING AMERICAN INFRASTRUCTURE WITH SUSTAINABILITY AND EQUITY PROGRAM (RAISE GRANT) FOR THE H.007289 KANSAS LANE EXTENSION also known as KANSAS LANE MULTI-MODAL CONNECTOR AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the City of Monroe, the Monroe Chamber of Commerce, Monroe business owners, and the Ouachita Council of Governments have held a series of meetings exploring the opportunities to improve the infrastructure along the Kansas Lane Extension Multi-Modal Connector; and

WHEREAS, the City of Monroe, the Monroe Chamber of Commerce, Monroe business owners, and the Ouachita Council of Governments supports these efforts and improvements; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Transportation provides funds for such projects under the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity Program (RAISE Grant);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONROE, LOUISIANA:

Section 1. That the City of Monroe approves the filing of an application for the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity Program in the amount of \$26,521,146 for the H.007289 Kansas Lane Extension also known as the Kansas Lane Multi-Modal Connector.

Section 2. Appoints Friday Ellis, Mayor of the City of Monroe, or his authorized designee to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, pay requests and so on, which may be necessary for the aforementioned project(s).



This Resolution having been submitted in writing, introduced and was then submitted to a vote as a whole, the vote thereon being as follows:

AYES: Harvey, Eckenack, Woods, Marshall + Dawson

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

And the Resolution was declared ADOPTED on the 22nd day of June, 2021.


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July 2, 2021

The Honorable Peter Buttigieg
Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
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RE: City of Monroe, Louisiana Kansas Lane Road Extension

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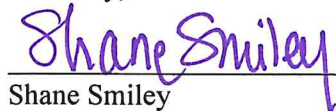
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The proposed Kansas Lane Extension is the last section of a four-section project connecting the north side of Monroe to the south side of Monroe and to the Monroe Regional Airport and Interstate 20. The entire project was first proposed in the early 1970s. The two sections of the four-section project have already been constructed and the third section has been completely funded. They are the Forsythe Avenue Extension from 18th Street to U.S. 165, Kansas Lane from U.S. 80 to Millhaven Road, and the Kansas/Garrett Connector, respectively.

When completed, the Kansas Lane Extension will provide a new unobstructed multi-modal route for the region that will connect economically distressed disadvantaged neighborhoods more directly to jobs, community services, retail centers, schools, medical services, and the regional transportation hub at the Monroe Regional Airport,

I strongly support this project, and I ask your favorable consideration. If further information is required, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,



Shane Smiley
President

LOUISIANA



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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June 29, 2021

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Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

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I am completely supportive of this request, and I ask your favorable consideration. If further information is required, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

With kindest regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Foy B. Gadberry". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Foy Gadberry
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FRANCIS C. THOMPSON
State Representative ~ District 19

July 7, 2021

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I strongly support this project, and I ask your favorable consideration. If further information is required, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Francis C. Thompson".

Francis C. Thompson



JAY MORRIS
State Senator
District 35

SENATE
STATE OF LOUISIANA

COMMITTEES
Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture
and Rural Development
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Interim Member

June 25, 2021

The Honorable Peter Buttigieg
Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: City of Monroe, Louisiana Kansas Lane Road Extension

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I strongly support this project, and I ask for your consideration. If further information is required, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

With kindest regards,

John C. "Jay" Morris, III
Senator – District 35

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OUACHITA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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July 6, 2021

The Honorable Peter Buttigieg
Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: City of Monroe, Louisiana Kansas Lane Road Extension

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The proposed Kansas Lane Extension is the last section of a four-section project connecting the north side of Monroe to the south side of Monroe, the Monroe Regional Airport, and Interstate 20. The entire project was first proposed in the early 1970's. Two sections of the four-section project have already been constructed and the third section has been completely funded. They are the Forsythe Avenue Extension from 18th Street to U.S. 165, Kansas Lane from U.S. 80 to Millhaven Road, and the Kansas/Garrett Connector, respectively.

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I am pleased to support this request, and I ask your favorable consideration. If further information is required, please do not hesitate to contact my office at (318) 387-2572.

Respectfully,

Doug Mitchell,
Executive Director



Office of the President

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June 25, 2021

The Honorable Peter Buttigieg, Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

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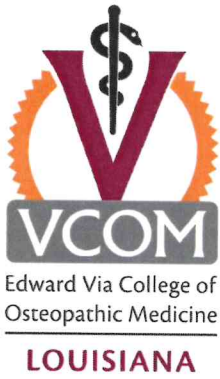
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Sincerely,

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Ronald L. Berry, D.B.A.
President

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The Honorable Peter Buttigieg
Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

July 2, 2021

RE: City of Monroe, Louisiana Kansas Lane Road Extension

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing in support of the City of Monroe, Louisiana's RAISE Grant Application for the Kansas Lane Extension project. This new roadway will reduce traffic congestion along U.S. 80 and U.S. 165 and improve area-wide mobility and safety. In addition, the Kansas Lane Extension project will provide a much more direct route between northern residential and commercial areas to eastern and southern residential retail. Commercial and industrial areas of Monroe, including the regional transportation hub at the Monroe Regional Airport. The need for the project is demonstrated by the region's increasing travel demand and growing employment in the area around Kansas Lane.

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I am pleased to support this request, and I ask for your favorable consideration. If further information is required, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

With kindest regards,

Mark A. Sanders, DO, JD, MPH, LLM, MS, FACOFP
Interim Campus Dean
VCOM-Louisiana



LOUISIANA DELTA
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

July 2, 2021

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Secretary
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Washington, DC 20590

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When completed, the Kansas Lane Extension will provide a new unobstructed multi-modal route for the region that will connect economically distressed disadvantaged neighborhoods more directly to jobs, community services, retail centers, schools, medical services, and the regional transportation hub at the Monroe Regional Airport. By funding this project to completion, Louisiana Delta Community College students will have greater access to education and in turn more opportunities to earn high wage, high demand jobs.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

For our region, this is critical to combat the economic barriers placed on our students due to lack of transportation or lack of accessible transportation.

I am pleased to support this request, and I ask your favorable consideration. If further information is required, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Respectfully,

Dr. Wendi Tostenson

Dr. Wendi Tostenson, CWD
Executive Director of Workforce and Economic Development
Louisiana Delta Community College

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June 17, 2021

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

Atmos Energy is a tenant of the Monroe Air Industrial Park, which is located one block from Kansas Lane on Delta Drive in Monroe, La. We clearly recognize the benefit to our business once the Kansas Lane Extension project and I-20 Interchange and Rail Overpass are constructed. Atmos Energy provides natural gas distribution service to 32,000 customers in the City of Monroe and Ouachita Parish and our top priorities are both Customer Service and Safety. The completion of this project will improve the ability of our 50 employees based out of this office location to respond to both routine and emergency operational matters in a safe and efficient manner by easing congestion on Kansas Lane at the KCS Rail Crossing, the site of frequent traffic delays. The project will also increase the safety of their daily commute as well as increase the overall livability of our community.

Atmos Energy supports the City of Monroe, RAISE Grant Application and we ask for your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

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Robert K. Griffin
Operations Manager
Atmos Energy
800 Delta Drive
Monroe, La 71203



Tania Hilburn
Managing Director
Home Lending Center Site Lead

June 14, 2021

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

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When completed the Kansas Lane Extension will provide a new unobstructed multi-modal route for the region that will connect the economically disadvantaged neighborhoods more directly to jobs, community services, retail centers, schools, medical services and the regional transportation hub at the Monroe Regional Airport.

I strongly support this project and ask that you give it a favorable review.

Sincerely,

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July 2, 2021

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With kindest regards,


Nell Chennault Calloway, CEO/President
Chennault Aviation & Military Museum

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As a major employer, a frequent traveler, and a citizen of Monroe I strongly support this project and ask that you give it a favorable review.

Respectfully,



Micah J. Pulliam
President & CFO

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
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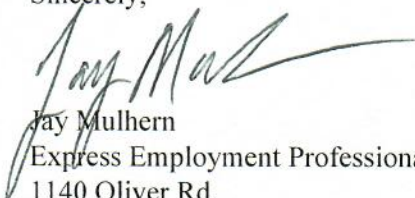
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I strongly support this project and ask that you give it a favorable review.

Sincerely,



Jay Mulhern
Express Employment Professionals, Monroe, LA
1140 Oliver Rd.
Monroe, LA 71201



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June 11, 2021

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
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Sincerely,



Jeremy Harrell
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June 10, 2021

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Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
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Sincerely,

Executive Officer

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CONSTRUCTION, INC

June 10, 2021

The Honorable Elaine Chao
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

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Paul E. Hutcheson, Jr.
Ouachita Parish Market President

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1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
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JAMES W. MOORE III

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June 11, 2021

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Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

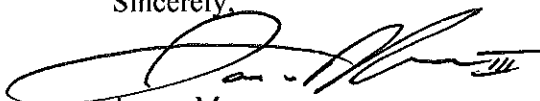
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Sincerely,



James Moore
Monroe Chamber of Commerce
Past President



Building Strong Communities, One Home, One Family at a Time.

July 12, 2021

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
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I strongly support this project and ask that you give it a favorable review.

William V. Smart
Executive Director



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July 2, 2021

The Honorable Peter Buttigieg
Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: City of Monroe, Louisiana Kansas Lane Road Extension

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When completed, the Kansas Lane Extension will provide a new unobstructed multi-modal route for the region that will connect economically distressed disadvantaged neighborhoods more directly to jobs, community services, retail centers, schools, medical services, and the regional transportation hub at the Monroe Regional Airport

I am pleased to support this request, and I ask your favorable consideration. If further information is required, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Respectfully,
Mark K. Anderson, Jr.



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June 10, 2021

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg

Secretary

US Department of Transportation

1200 New Jersey Ave, SE

Washington DC 20590

I am writing in support of the City of Monroe, Louisiana's BUILD Grant application for the Kansas Lane Extension. This new roadway will reduce traffic congestion along US 80 and US 165 and improve area wide mobility and safety. The Kansas Lane Extension will provide a much more direct route between northern residential and commercial areas to eastern and southern residential, retail, commercial and industrial areas of Monroe, including the regional transportation hub at the Monroe Regional Airport. The need for the project is demonstrated by the region's increasing travel demand and growing employment in the area around Kansas Lane.

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I strongly support this project and ask that you give it a favorable review.

Sincerely,

Randy Stone

VP/General Manager

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Jeff Laudenheimer



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Member FDIC

June 10, 2021

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

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The proposed Kansas Lane Extension is the last section of a four-section project connecting the north side of Monroe to the south side of Monroe and providing easy access from residential areas to commercial and industrial areas. It also connects the Monroe Regional Airport directly to Interstate 20. The entire project was first proposed in the early 1970's. Two sections of the four-section project have already been constructed. They are the Forsythe Avenue Extension and Kansas Lane. The third phase, Kansas Lane/Garrett Road connector, is completely funded and moving forward.

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We strongly support this project and ask that you give it favorable consideration.

With kindest regards,

George W. Cummings, III
Chairman of the Board &
Chief Executive Officer

David M. Hampton
President &
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Sincerely;

Aimee Kane
VP Business Development & Strategy
St. Francis Medical Center



June 16, 2021

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Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
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Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:
Carla Holland
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Carla Holland
State Director
Louisiana SBDC



June 10, 2021

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U.S. Department of Transportation
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Mike W. Breard

Executive Vice President
Vantage Health Plan, Inc.



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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

June 11, 2021

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1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
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Respectfully,

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Roy W. Heatherly

President & CEO



July 2, 2021

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The Monroe Transit System (MTS) offers service to the Northeast Louisiana region via bus and demand-response paratransit. MTS celebrated its 114th anniversary in 2020 and is the nation's oldest publicly owned transit system. Ten routes provide service in and around the city of Monroe and to other modes of transportation, including Greyhound, the Monroe Regional Airport, and the main office of MTS. The total region-wide ridership for 2019 was 750,000 and 420,000 in 2020 despite the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Thank you for your consideration of such an important project for our region.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marc Keenan".

Marc Keenan
General Manager



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