

March 10, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I write on behalf of my constituents with the Hickman-Fulton County Riverport Authority (HFCRA) regarding their competitive grant application with the U.S. Department of Transportation's Port Infrastructure Development Program.

It is my understanding that, if awarded, HFCRA would use this funding to replace aging port infrastructure while enhancing port operations and capability. My constituents inform me that the current conveyor system at the port is over thirty years old and has been used at maximum speed up to twenty-four hours per day during harvest season because of its constraint on throughput. I am told that a new conveyor system at HFCRA, which operates Kentucky's only public port on the Mississippi River, would have greater capacity and enable future commercial and industrial development in the area. I am also told that their project would make high priority repairs to mooring cells that enable vessels to dock and see construction of an additional, expanded mooring cell. My constituents inform me these upgrades would enhance the effectiveness of the port, increase safety in operations, and have a positive and lasting effect in the community.

As our nation continues on a path of unsustainable debt, it is more important than ever that we in Congress, and you in the Administration, work to ensure every tax dollar is spent wisely. It is with this in mind that I draw your attention to HFCRA's application, which I believe merits your full and fair review.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



MITCH McCONNELL
UNITED STATES SENATOR

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April 27, 2023

Secretary Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Department of Transportation
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Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Pete Buttigieg:

I am writing in support of Hickman-Fulton County Riverport Authority's (HFCRA) application to be considered for a 2023 Port Infrastructure Development Program Grant, where the grant will fund the upgrade and replacement of their aging conveyor system and expand capacity.

HFCRA has served their region since 1978 as Kentucky's only public port on the Mississippi River. This prime geographic location enables the riverport to offer distinct advantages to shippers for imports along the Mississippi River and exports from one of the Midwest's major grain producing areas.

The riverport currently operates a conveyor system that is over 30 years old for public use, which is used at maximum speeds and capacity sometimes 24 hours a day during harvest season. The upgraded 1200-ft conveyor system will have an increased width, allowing for additional capacity. It will include improved electrical infrastructure including multi-switch controls and a new movable discharge head that will optimize product movement. Currently, the main mooring cell for the conveyor is in need of repair, which will be expanded through this project, along with adding a supplemental mooring cell to accommodate the new conveyor system. This project will improve worker safety, reliability, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions particulate matter due to increased efficiencies. The project also creates economic vitality by providing new port capacity for potential customers.

Thank you as always for your thoughtful consideration of this project, which will greatly benefit the Kentucky communities the riverport serves.

Sincerely,


Andy Beshear
Governor

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

April 12, 2023

Secretary Buttigieg
U.S. Department of Transportation
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Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing regarding Hickman-Fulton County Riverport Authority's (HFCRA) application to be considered for a 2023 Port Infrastructure Development Program Grant, funding opportunity MA-PID-23001. I am informed that the grant will fund the upgrade and replacement of their aging conveyor system and expand capacity.

Since 1978 HFCRA has served their region as Kentucky's only public port on the Mississippi River. This prime geographic location enables the river port to offer distinct advantages to shippers for imports along the Mississippi River and exports from one of the Midwest's major grain producing areas.

The current conveyor system is over 30 years old and is used at maximum speeds and capacity, sometimes 24 hours a day during harvest season. The upgraded system will allow for additional capacity and optimize product movement. This grant will allow for much needed repairs, and will improve worker safety, reliability, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions particulate matter due to increased efficiencies. The project also creates economic vitality by providing new port capacity for potential customers.

Our nation is faced with many financial challenges as our debt continues to escalate, and it is essential that we in Congress, along with the Federal Agencies, work closely to ensure that every tax dollar is spent effectively. Therefore, your full and fair consideration of this grant request is appreciated. Upon completion of this process, please contact Rebecca Seidel on my staff at Rebecca_Seidel@paul.senate.gov.

Thank you for your time and consideration in reviewing this request.

Sincerely,



Rand Paul, M.D.
United States Senator

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March 27, 2023

The Honorable Peter Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
United States Department of Transportation
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Dear Honorable Buttigieg:

I am writing regarding the application submitted by the Hickman-Fulton County Riverport Authority (HFCRA) for the Port Infrastructure Development (PIDP) grant program.

Hickman, Kentucky, is uniquely located on the banks of the Mississippi River and at the junction of four states, making it an ideal location for federal investments in infrastructure revitalization projects. HFCRA has been serving the region since 1978 as Kentucky's only public port on the Mississippi River, HFCRA offers a distinct advantage to shippers for imports along the Mississippi River and exports from one of the Midwest's major grain-producing areas.

PIDP funding would allow HFCRA to replace the more than 30-year-old conveyer system that is operated at or near maximum capacity speeds twenty-four hours per day from August to April during harvest season. Upgrading the conveyer system from a 30-inch to a 48-inch conveyer to meet rising demand will increase capacity while also improving safety and efficiency. The main mooring cell for the conveyer will also be expanded and a supplemental mooring cell would be developed to accommodate the new conveyer system. Due to the Riverport's strategic location at the center of the inland waterway system, this project will provide new port capacity for Kentucky shippers and attract new industries to the region.

As Congressman for the 1st District of Kentucky, I am supportive of these efforts, which will provide the region with enhanced access to waterway connections that would benefit this deserving region for years to come. I look forward to continuing to work with HFCRA to modernize their infrastructure and foster further economic growth in the 1st District of Kentucky.

Thank you in advance for your full and fair consideration of this proposal consistent with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations. Please reach out to my Grants Coordinator, Mary-Carter Downing (mary-carter.downing@mail.house.gov), if I may be of additional support throughout this process.

Sincerely,



James Comer
Member of Congress

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JASON HOWELL

April 4, 2023

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

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am writing in support of Hickman-Fulton County Riverport Authority's (HFCRA) application to be considered for a 2023 Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) Grant which would fund the upgrade and replacement of their aging conveyor system and expand capacity.

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The riverport currently operates a conveyor system for public use that is over 30 years old, which is used at maximum speeds and capacity sometimes 24 hours a day during harvest season. The upgraded 1,200-foot conveyor system will have an increased width, allowing for additional capacity. It will include improved electrical infrastructure including multi-switch controls and a new movable discharge head that will optimize product movement. Currently, the main mooring cell for the conveyor is in need of repair, which will be expanded through this project, along with adding a supplemental mooring cell to accommodate the new conveyor system. This project will improve worker safety and reliability and reduce greenhouse gas emissions particulate matter

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Your consideration of Hickman-Fulton County Riverport Authority's application is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,

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Jason Howell
State Senator

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TRANSPORTATION CABINET

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Jim Gray
SECRETARY

April 4, 2023

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The riverport currently operates a public use conveyor system that is over 30 years old, which is frequently used at maximum speeds and capacity 24 hours a day during harvest season. The upgraded 1,200-ft conveyor system will have an increased width, allowing for additional capacity. It will include improved electrical infrastructure including multi-switch controls and a new movable discharge head that will optimize product movement. Currently, the main mooring cell for the conveyor is in need of repair, which will also be expanded through this project, along with adding a supplemental mooring cell to accommodate the new conveyor system. This project will improve worker safety, reliability, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions particulate matter due to increased efficiencies. The project also creates economic vitality by providing new port capacity for potential customers.

Thank you for your consideration of Hickman-Fulton County Riverport Authority's application.

Sincerely,



Jim Gray
Secretary



Jim Martin
County Judge/Executive

FULTON COUNTY, KENTUCKY

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Hon. Pete Buttigieg, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
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Dear Secretary, Buttigieg,

The Fulton County Fiscal Court fully supports the Hickman-Fulton Riverport Authority's (HFCRA) application to be considered for a 2023 Port Infrastructure Development Program Grant. This grant will fund the upgrade and replacement of their aging conveyor system and will also expand capacity.

The HFCR has been serving their region since 1978, which is the only public port on the Mississippi River. This geographic area offers several advantages to shippers along with exporting one of the major grain areas around.

Currently, the riverport is operating with a conveyor system that is over 30 years old, which is used continuously around the clock during harvest season. This new conveyer system will have increased width, which will help with additional capacity and help with reliability, worker safety, and providing more area for potential customers.

Thank you for your consideration in this Hickman-Fulton County Riverport application. You are welcome to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Secretary Buttigieg
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1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
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Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing to express the Hickman County Fiscal Court's support of Hickman-Fulton County Riverport Authority's (HFCRA) application to be considered for a 2023 Port Infrastructure Development Program Grant, where the grant will fund the upgrade and replacement of their aging conveyor system and expand capacity.

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Thank you for your consideration of Hickman-Fulton County Riverport Authority's application. Please contact Kenny Wilson in our office at 270-653-4369 with any questions.

Sincerely,

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Judge Executive

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Secretary Buttigieg
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
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Dear
Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing to express the City of Hickman's support of Hickman-Fulton County Riverport Authority's (HFCRA) application to be considered for a 2023 Port Infrastructure Development Program Grant, where the grant will fund the upgrade and replacement of their aging conveyor system and expand capacity.

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Thank you for your consideration of Hickman-Fulton County Riverport Authority's application. Please contact me with any questions at 270-994-6180.

Sincerely,

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Heath Carlton
Mayor



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U.S. Department of Transportation
Secretary Pete Buttigieg
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Dear Secretary Pete Buttigieg:

I am writing to express the Purchase Area Development District's support of Hickman-Fulton County Riverport Authority's (HFCRA) application for the 2023 Port Infrastructure Development Program Grant. The project will upgrade their aging conveyor system and expand the authority's capacity.

HFCRA has served their region since 1978 as Kentucky's only public port on the Mississippi River. This prime geographic location enables the riverport to offer distinct advantages to shippers for imports along the Mississippi River and exports from one of the Midwest's major grain producing areas.

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Thank you for your consideration of Hickman-Fulton County Riverport Authority's application. Please feel free to contact Jim LeFevre in our office at 270-247-7171 with any questions.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Buchanan
Executive Director



April 24, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

I am writing to express Cargill's support of Hickman-Fulton County Riverport Authority's (HFCRA) application to be considered for a 2023 Port Infrastructure Development Program Grant, where the grant will fund the upgrade and replacement of their aging conveyor system and expand capacity. Cargill has operated at the Port since 1999, and it serves as an important facility for local growers to deliver their grain where it is then transported to global markets and demand customers.

HFCRA has served their region since 1978 as Kentucky's only public port on the Mississippi River. This prime geographic location enables the riverport to offer distinct advantages to shippers for imports along the Mississippi River and exports from one of the Midwest's major grain producing areas. On average, Cargill handles 15 million bushels of grain at our Hickman facility annually.

The riverport currently owns and operates the conveyor system that is more than 30 years old for public use which at times operates twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week during harvest. The upgraded 1200-ft conveyor system will have an increased width allowing for additional capacity. It will also include improved electrical infrastructure including multi-switch controls and a new movable discharge head that will optimize product movement. Additionally, the main mooring cell for the conveyor needs repair which will be expanded through this project, along with adding a supplemental mooring cell to accommodate the new conveyor system.

Replacement of the conveyor at the Hickman facility will enable the sustainability of Cargill's operations. Additionally, upon a final signature on a long-term handling agreement, Cargill intends to invest more than \$2 million dollars of additional upgrades.

Finally, this project will improve worker safety, reliability, and reduce dust emissions due to increased efficiencies. The project also creates economic vitality by providing new capacity for potential customers.

Thank you for your consideration of Hickman-Fulton County Riverport Authority's application. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Jason Meyer
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FULTON-HICKMAN COUNTIES
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP

Hon. Pete Buttigieg, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary, Buttigieg,

The Fulton-Hickman Counties Economic Development Partnership fully supports the Hickman-Fulton County Riverport Authority's (HFCRA) application to be considered for a 2023 Port Infrastructure Development Program Grant, where the grant will fund the upgrade and replacement of their aging conveyor system and expand capacity.

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Thank you for your consideration of Hickman-Fulton County Riverport Authority's application. Please contact me anytime if you have any questions about the EDP's endorsement of this important project.

Sincerely,

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Secretary Buttigieg
Secretary
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Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing to express the Henderson County Riverport Authority's support of Hickman-Fulton County Riverport Authority's (HFCRA) application to be considered for a 2023 Port Infrastructure Development Program Grant, where the grant will fund the upgrade and replacement of their aging conveyor system and expand capacity.

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Thank you for your consideration of Hickman-Fulton County Riverport Authority's application. Please contact Ben Weithman in our office at 270 826-4523 with any questions.

Sincerely,



Bernard "Ben" Weithman II
Executive Director



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April 28, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
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Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing to express the Louisville Riverport Authority's support of Hickman-Fulton County Riverport Authority's (HFCRA) application to be considered for a 2023 Port Infrastructure Development Program Grant, where the grant will fund the upgrade and replacement of their aging conveyor system and expand capacity.

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Thank you for your consideration of Hickman-Fulton County Riverport Authority's application. Please contact me at 502-935-6024 with any questions.

Sincerely,

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Vice President



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April 3, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
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Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing to express the Paducah-McCracken County Riverport Authority's support of Hickman-Fulton County Riverport Authority's (HFCRA) application to be considered for a 2023 Port Infrastructure Development Program Grant, where the grant will fund the upgrade and replacement of their aging conveyor system and expand capacity.

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Thank you for your consideration of Hickman-Fulton County Riverport Authority's application. Please contact Executive Director, Tim Cahill, in our office at 270-442-9326 with any questions.

Sincerely,

Timothy Cahill
Executive Director



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April 20, 2023

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Inland Rivers, Ports and Terminals strongly supports the Hickman-Fulton County Riverport Authority's (HFCRA) application to be considered for a 2023 Port Infrastructure Development Program Grant, where the grant will fund the upgrade and replacement of their aging conveyor system and expand capacity.

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IRPT commends the Department of Transportation for its support. I appreciate your focused attention on transportation and thoughtful consideration of funding this application, as it will yield significant long-term economic benefits and positively impact the future of transportation in this country.

IRPT is a nationwide trade association composed of ports, terminals, users, and suppliers of the U.S. Inland Waterway system. IRPT promotes the use of our nation's rivers as the most cost effective, and environmentally friendly form of transportation. Please contact my office with any questions.

Sincerely,

Aimee Andres

Aimee Andres
Executive Director



Secretary Buttigieg
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
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Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing to express the Owensboro Riverport Authority's support of Hickman-Fulton County Riverport Authority's (HFCRA) application to be considered for a 2023 Port Infrastructure Development Program Grant, where the grant will fund the upgrade and replacement of their aging conveyor system and expand capacity.

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Thank you for your consideration of Hickman-Fulton County Riverport Authority's application. Please contact Brian Wright in our office at 270-663-4034 with any questions.

Sincerely,

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Secretary Buttigieg

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1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.

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Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing to express the Riverfront Limestone, LLC's support of Hickman-Fulton County Riverport Authority's (HFCRA) application to be considered for a 2023 Port Infrastructure Development Program Grant, where the grant will fund the upgrade and replacement of their aging conveyor system and expand capacity.

HFCRA has served their region since 1978 as Kentucky's only public port on the Mississippi River. This prime geographic location enables the riverport to offer distinct advantages to shippers for imports along the Mississippi River and exports from one of the Midwest's major grain producing areas.

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Thank you for your consideration of Hickman-Fulton County Riverport Authority's application. Please contact James Coffey in our office at 270-236-3102 with any questions.

Sincerely,


James Coffey
Partner



**KENTUCKIANS FOR BETTER
TRANSPORTATION**
WE MAKE KENTUCKY GO

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Thank you for your consideration of Hickman-Fulton County Riverport Authority's application. Please contact Jennifer Kirchner in our office at (859) 319- 4902 with any questions.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Kirchner

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April 20, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg, Secretary
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Thank you for your consideration of Hickman-Fulton County Riverport Authority's application. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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Mark Haney
President



WEPFER MARINE, INC.

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Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing to express Wepfer Marine's support of Hickman-Fulton County Riverport Authority's (HFCRA) application to be considered for a 2023 Port Infrastructure Development Program Grant, where the grant will fund the upgrade and replacement of their aging conveyor system and expand capacity.

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Thank you for your consideration of Hickman-Fulton County Riverport Authority's application. Please contact Walt Wepfer in our office at 901-848-1171 with any questions.

Sincerely,

Walt Wepfer
EVP

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Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing to express Insteel Wire Products support of Hickman-Fulton County Riverport Authority's (HFCRA) application to be considered for a 2023 Port Infrastructure Development Program Grant, where the grant will fund the upgrade and replacement of their aging conveyor system and expand capacity.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rob Hitesman", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Rob Hitesman
Plant General Manager