

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

September 16, 2016

The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

We write to support the designation of Interstate 94 (I-94) from Port Huron, Michigan, to Moorhead, Minnesota, as a Zero Emissions Corridor under Section 1413 of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act.

I-94 is an important thoroughfare for the Upper Midwest with more than 17 billion vehicle miles traveled annually. This proposed corridor connects the cities of Detroit, Chicago, Milwaukee, Madison and Minneapolis-Saint Paul. These cities are home to over 16 million residents and have innovative industries driving the regional economy.

The proposed Zero Emissions Corridor would leverage the 21 existing direct current (DC) electric vehicle charging stations along the proposed route. Installing another 12 DC charging stations will make it possible to travel the entire stretch of approximately 1,000 miles of the corridor with no more than a 20 minute charge between each major city.

Designating this stretch of I-94 as a Zero Emissions Corridor will promote the use and adoption of electric vehicles throughout the region. Electric vehicles provide environmental benefits by reducing transportation emissions. For many travelers, electric vehicles provide a more affordable alternative to vehicles using traditional fuels, helping consumers save money. Expanding the electric vehicle infrastructure along I-94 will help the Upper Midwest realize these benefits.

We ask that you give the I-94 Zero Emissions Corridor application full and fair consideration.

Sincerely,



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United States Senator



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