

Elkhart County

COMMISSIONERS

April 21, 2009

The Honorable Senator Richard G. Lugar
306 Senate Hart Building
Washington, DC 20510

Attn: CR 17 Corridor: Phase 2

Dear Senator Lugar:

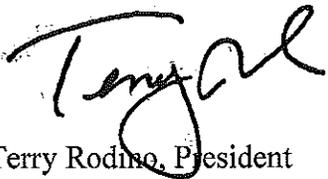
The Elkhart County Commissioners are pleased to support the funding request for the CR 17 Corridor: Phase 2. As noted in the application, phase 2 consists of a 4 lane limited access highway to be constructed from U.S. 33 to SR 119. We have been working to provide Elkhart County with a more efficient way to travel through our County.

From our perspective, having phase 2 constructed will bring us closer to our long range plan for the CR 17 corridor to connect U.S. 12 in Michigan with U.S. 30 in Kosciusko County; which will be beneficial to our economy. CR 17 is perhaps one of the most important corridors in Elkhart County because it provides a direct access for both north bound and south bound traffic to access major highways. We will continue to make our long range plan a reality.

Elkhart County will provide the public with an opportunity to participate under the FHWA & INDOT guidelines. We are requesting 80% of the estimated cost of the CR 17 Phase 2 projects and will be using local funds for the rest of the cost.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Terry Rodino, President
Board of County Commissioners

Cc: John Letherman, President, Elkhart County Council
Tom Byers, Elkhart County Administrator
Jeff Taylor, Elkhart County Highway Manager