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Dear ASHE National Conference Committee:

I am writing to support a proposal to bring the American Society of Highway Engineers (ASHE) National Conference to Louisville, Kentucky in 2027. Led proudly by Kentucky's Transportation Cabinet, an incredible transformation of the Commonwealth's highway and transportation infrastructure is underway.

Should Louisville be awarded the national conference in 2027, Kentucky's transportation officials will be able to present the details of numerous major accomplishments, including the recently opened John F. Kennedy Bridge in Louisville, ongoing mega projects like the Brent Spence Bridge connecting Kentucky and Ohio on I-75, the I-69 corridor project, and the 4-lane completion of the Mountain Parkway. The conference application is a partnership between the ASHE Derby City, Bluegrass, and TRIKO Valley sections of the ASHE and I have full confidence they will plan and execute a great conference for the attendees.

Louisville is also a wonderful destination for a conference, with experienced professionals in the convention and visitors' industry ready to assist your group's planning efforts. Louisville's hotel and convention spaces are mostly new and/or recently renovated and are conveniently located downtown with access to plenty of entertainment and dining options. Many conventioneers will incorporate visits to the iconic Churchill Downs racetrack, the urban bourbon trail, and the Louisville Slugger Museum while in town.

I am proud to support the ASHE Derby City, Bluegrass, and Triko Valley sections application to host the 2027 national conference in Louisville and look forward to seeing you in a few years.

Sincerely,

Andy Beshear

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