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Dear Ms. Buss:

Thank you for your letter of November 8 to Secretary Foxx regarding the inclusion of local roads and bridges in the Comprehensive Truck Size and Weight Limits Study required by the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act (MAP-21). The Secretary has asked the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to respond on his behalf.

As part of the Study, FHWA intends to examine the areas of safety, pavements, bridges, compliance and modal shift. Truck impacts on various road networks, including local and State roadway networks will be considered. The FHWA recognizes that the schedule for completing the Study by the legislative deadline does not allow us to undertake a complete examination of the impact of heavy trucks on all local roads. However, through the use of sound statistical procedures, the Study will allow for the consideration of representative roadway segments to assess the impacts that trucks have on various roadway systems. Concern toward securing the resources necessary to make timely investments in transportation infrastructure is shared by transportation officials at all levels of government.

The FHWA is receiving feedback on its work through professional peer reviews and public outreach sessions. I would encourage you and your members who are interested in this issue to use the following link to track and participate in these feedback activities:  
<http://www.ops.fhwa.dot.gov/freight/sw/map21tswstudy/index.htm>.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you have additional questions, please contact Mr. Tom Kearney of FHWA's Office of Freight Management and Operations at 518-431-8890 or [tom.kearney@dot.gov](mailto:tom.kearney@dot.gov).

Sincerely yours,

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