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Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves,

I am requesting funding for Algonquin Road (Various Intersections) and Wilmot Road at Main Street Intersection Improvements in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is the McHenry County Division of Transportation and the project is located at Algonquin Road (Huntley, Illinois 60142; Lake in the Hills, Illinois 60156; Algonquin, Illinois 60102) and intersection of Wilmot & Main in Spring Grove, Illinois, 60081.

The funding is designated for making improvements to seven intersections along Algonquin Road, from Haligus Road to Pyott Road, as well as at the intersection of Wilmot Road and Main Street in the Village of Spring Grove. The project will include upgrading intersections with flashing yellow arrows and high visibility traffic signal backplates with retroreflective borders as well as upgrading curb ramps, sidewalks, and crosswalks in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits: improve safety. These eight intersections have together averaged over 60 crashes per year and appear on IDOT's 5% report, a list of the State's top 5% most dangerous intersections. Use of the flashing yellow arrow has been shown to have several benefits including minimizing delays and enhancing safety by reducing driver errors.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

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Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves,

I am requesting funding for Bliss Rd/Fabyan from Fabyan to Bliss Rd in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is Kane County and the project is located at Fabyan Parkway at Main Street, Geneva, Illinois 60134.

The funding is designated to advance the construction phase of the realignment of Bliss Road and Fabyan Parkway to create a four-legged intersection with Main Street in Geneva.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits: improve regional traffic flow and relieve traffic congestion by realigning Bliss Road south of Main Street and constructing a roundabout at the intersection to address safety and capacity concerns. The project will also provide access and crosswalks for future park development adjacent to the project and construct naturalized detention basins.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

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Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves,

I am requesting funding for DeKalb Traffic Signal Upgrades in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is City of DeKalb and the project is located at City of DeKalb, Illinois 60115.

The funding is designated for upgrade existing roadway intersection traffic signals to ethernet-based, centrally-controlled equipment at approximately 50 locations in the metropolitan area. This would replace the present DeKalb/Sycamore traffic control system that is operated with obsolete signal controllers that are no longer manufactured or supported.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits: improved traffic flow efficiency, reducing congestion, fuel consumption, and pollution while improving safety for all user types, including vehicles and pedestrians. This project would provide the City the ability to better manage traffic flows, thereby reducing fuel consumption and pollution, preserving cultural resources, and supporting community businesses.

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Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves,

I am requesting funding for Fox River Regional Trail: Hoover Forest Preserve-Fox River Bluffs Connecting Trail Segment in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is Kendall County Forest Preserve District and the project is located at Kendall County Forest Preserve District, Hoover and Fox River Bluffs Forest Preserves; Yorkville, Illinois 60560.

The funding is designated for completing a multi-use trail connection between the trail systems located at Hoover Forest Preserve and Fox River Bluffs Forest Preserve (to be constructed in 2021-2022) along the southern wooded-bluff shoreline of the Fox River west of downtown Yorkville within the Eldamain.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits: improve access to outdoor recreation and help advance conservation efforts in northern Illinois.

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Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves,

I am requesting funding for Main Street Reconstruction from Randall Road to Van Nortwick Avenue in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is City of Batavia and the project is located at Main Street, Batavia, Illinois 60510.

The funding is designated for upgrading the section of Main Street from Van Nortwick to Randall Road from a mostly rural roadway to an urban section with sidewalk on both side of street as well as on-street bike path.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits: improve safety and reduce pollution from vehicles. In addition, a stormwater system will be installed throughout the project resulting in reduced costs for nearby homes and streets.

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Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves,

I am requesting funding for US Route 20 and Reinking Road Roundabout in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is City of Elgin and the project is located at the intersection of US Route 20/Oak Street and Reinking Road at the municipal boundary between the City of Elgin and the Village of Pingree Grove, 60140.

The funding is designated for US Route 20 and Reinking Road intersection improvement that will provide a new roundabout in place of the existing 3-leg intersection configuration.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits: improve lines of site, traffic flow efficiency, and pedestrian/bicycle access, and increase safety.

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Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves,

I am requesting funding Wolfs Crossing Road from US 34 Chicago Road to Eola Road – Douglas Road Intersection in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is Village of Oswego and the project is located at Wolfs Crossing at Douglas Road, Oswego, Illinois 60543.

The funding is designated for: construction of a roundabout at the intersection of Wolfs Crossing and Douglas Road, widening of Wolfs Crossing to two lanes in each direction, making improvements to drainage, sidewalks and paths, street lighting, and other improvements.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits: enhance safety, reduce traffic congestion, improve mobility and operations, and enhance non-motorized mobility along Wolfs Crossing Road from US 34 to Eola Road/Heggs Road, of which this intersection is a critical segment. The project is essential due to the corridor's crash history, capacity analysis of existing traffic data, the mobility and operations on the corridor, and projected future traffic demand.

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Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves,

I am requesting funding Woodstock Railyard Relocation & Expansion in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is McHenry County and the project is located at Lamb Road at UPRR, Woodstock, Illinois 60098.

The funding is designated for advancing the Woodstock Railyard Relocation & Expansion from Crystal Lake to rural NW Woodstock by funding project engineering, the next phase in the relocation.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits: maximizing safety, security, personal time and convenience for all METRA Union Pacific Northwest line passengers; doubling Woodstock's current train service schedule; savings on equipment maintenance and replacement costs; attracting additional ridership for METRA; and, decreasing vehicular commuting traffic, thereby saving road maintenance costs and enhancing environmental conditions throughout the region, benefiting 306,000 McHenry County residents.

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Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves,

I am requesting funding 143rd St from IL 59 to IL 126 in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is Village of Plainfield and the project is located at 143rd St in Plainfield, Illinois 60544.

The funding is designated for advancing larger corridor level improvement which provides the missing links along 143rd Street from Ridge Road to IL 126. Rerouting traffic along this new 143rd Street corridor will increase the reliability and efficiency of public transportation through Pace's Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system along I-55.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits: improve regional traffic flow and relieve traffic congestion in the greater Plainfield area. Improving this transit service is integral to expanding economic development opportunities along one of the vital industrial job corridors in the region.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

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