Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for the Palouse River Bridge Replacement project in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is the Washington State Department of Transportation and the project is located at SR 26/2SP Bridge and US 195/27 Bridges, Colfax, WA 99111.

The funding is designated for the removal of two 1930's era structurally deficient and functionally obsolete concrete bridges in Colfax, WA and the construction of a new bridge and intersection that connects US 195/Main Street and SR 26.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to benefit the region as it increases mobility and safety, while maintaining an important economic route into the Palouse agricultural region, Washington State University and the University of Idaho.

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

Sincerely,

Cathy McMorris Rodgers
Member of Congress