Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for the Spokane County Hayford Road project in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is Spokane County and the project is located at 1116 W Broadway Avenue, Spokane, WA 99260.

The funding is designated to re-align and expand the capacity of the road to serve both the expanding airport and aerospace manufacturers currently interested in locating at the airport and requiring runway access. The reconstruction of Hayford Road from SR 902 to US 2 is a multi-jurisdictional collaboration to transform this 2-lane Urban Minor Arterial to a 5-lane section with a roundabout or traffic signal at 21st Avenue. Pedestrian, bicycle, lighting, and ADA infrastructure will be constructed concurrently to fulfill the regional transportation goals of connected multi-modal transportation options.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to be beneficial to the area as the Spokane International Airport continues its historic growth and serves as the second largest air cargo facility in the state the need for a new parallel runway becomes more urgent. Hayford Road is currently located in the path of the new runway and must be re-aligned.

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

Sincerely,

Cathy McMorris Rodgers
Member of Congress