April 26th, 2021

Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for the Reas Bridges Replacement Project in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is Macon County and the project is located at Reas Bridge Road over Lake Decatur, Decatur, IL 62521. The funding is designated for the replacement of two bridge segments over Lake Decatur on a .93-mile section of CH 24.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits. It improves rural access to critical services in Decatur and improves farm to market access to international agricultural industries. It enhances freight mobility and reliability through the region and mitigates congestion supporting job growth and economic development. Replacing the bridges and roadway in this project will reduce congestion by moving trucks back to a more efficient route and reduce the risk of accidents and fatalities. Reas Bridges will also provide the conduit for the City of Decatur’s broadband fiber loop and provide potential access to rural Macon County. Finally, it provides fewer grade crossing conflicts for heavy trucks traveling from the east. The project is also highly supported by the City of Decatur which will be positively impacted by the improvement.

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

Sincerely,

Rodney Davis
Member of Congress