April 26th, 2021  

Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:  

I am requesting funding for the Centennial Park Shared Use Path in the surface transportation reauthorization legislation.  

The project sponsor for this project is the Village of Heyworth and the project is located along Cleveland Avenue from Delane Drive West to Centennial Park, Heyworth, IL 61745. The funding is designated for the construction of an 8’ wide, hard surfaced, shared use path for pedestrian and bicycle use to connect Heyworth’s Centennial Park to the rest of town.  

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits. It will create a safe path connecting Heyworth’s Centennial Park to the rest of the town, as presently, residents must share the road with motor vehicles traveling at highway speeds. The project will provide needed safe connectivity for a newly developing Low-Income Tax Credit Housing Development (Prairie View) and Junior High / High School Students to the park. Having a designated safe route will help minimize the need for those users to on the highway in direct conflict with vehicles. Additionally, the path will provide a health benefit to the community by improving access to a dedicated walking and biking path.  

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

Sincerely,  

Rodney Davis  
Member of Congress