Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for the Curtis Road Grade Separation & Complete Streets Project in the surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is the Village of Savoy and the project is located at Curtis Road from Prospect Avenue to 1st Street, Savoy, IL 61874. The funding is designated for a railroad grade separation, 0.85 miles of roadway improvements on Curtis Road, and 1 miles of shared path improvements along First Street.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits. It improves safety and reduces travel time between Interstate 57 and the Champaign-Urbana Urbanized Area. That area includes the University of Illinois and its Research Park, award winning museums, division one athletic facilities, and world-renowned research fields known as the South Farms. A Benefit Cost Analysis (BCA) concluded a benefit-cost ratio of 1.17 at a 7% discount rate. Overall, the project will improve safety, emergency response times, overall travel times, emissions, noise, transit reliability, active transportation benefits, operations costs, and the overall mobility for residents, employees, and visitors in the region. The project is supported by the Village of Savoy, City of Champaign, City of Urbana, Champaign County Regional Planning Commission, University of Illinois, and the Illinois Commerce Commission among many others.

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

Sincerely,

Rodney Davis
Member of Congress