

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-1502**

April 22, 2021

Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for Marion County – County Road G 28 corridor in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is the Marion County Engineer and County Roads Department, and the project is located on County Road G 28 in Marion County, Iowa.

The funding is designated for a pavement rehabilitation project along the entire County Road G28 corridor.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits: according to Marion County, since 2002, this roadway has not had a major rehabilitation. In that same timeframe, traffic volumes have increased nearly 70%. The pavement condition ratings, the county pavement management system, and driver feedback make it clear that this 1,500 - 2,400 vehicle per day roadway due for improvement. In preparation for a future pavement rehabilitation project Marion County has appropriated nearly \$350,000 of Farm-to-Market funds for patching on G28.

Marion County is unique in that it has two county seat-sized towns (Knoxville and Pella) and Iowa's largest lake (Red Rock) within its borders. As a result of these key features, tourism provides nearly a \$55 Million economic impact to our county. G28 is one of Marion County's major corridors, largely servicing the Pella community and a majority of the available County and Corps of Engineer's (COE) recreational parks around Lake Red Rock. Nearly one million recreational tourists visit Marion County for the camping, boating, water trails, hunting, fishing, and hiking each year, largely through the G28 corridor. G28 provides access to three campgrounds, two cabin sites, a marina, multiple public hunting areas, multiple boat ramps, the Cordova Observation Tower, multiple day use sites, shelters, and large group venues. Additionally, this road services many adjacent subdivisions and rural residential districts that provide residence to our counties manufacturing-based labor force. This roadway corridor is a vital link for all these industries and the economy of Marion County as a whole.

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

Sincerely,



Mariannette Miller-Meeks  
Member of Congress