

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

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Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for a project in the City of Iowa City, on Dodge Street, from Burlington Street north to Governor Street, in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is the Iowa Department of Transportation and the project is located at Dodge Street, Iowa City, Iowa 52240.

The funding is designated for reconstruction of Dodge Street from Governor Street to Burlington Street. This is a joint Iowa DOT and City of Iowa City project that includes new street pavement, sidewalk, utility improvements, and other associated work.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits: the proposed Dodge Street Improvements Project would provide a number of safety and operational benefits to the traveling public, residents and other users. This project is a reinvestment in an existing principle arterial corridor that aims to provide a more complete street, with connectivity and access to both existing neighborhoods and commuters. The reconstruction of Dodge Street will upgrade the roadway to current design standards, improve rideability and reduce operations and maintenance costs. Complete reconstruction of the roadway is a long-term solution to address the existing failing pavement that has undergone multiple rehabilitation projects and diminishing ability to maintain the pavement surface.

Dodge Street is an important corridor for vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians within Iowa City. Narrower travel lanes are expected to aid in the reduction of travel speeds, which has been shown to reduce the severity of crashes. Inclusion of on-street bicycle facilities, ADA-compliant curb ramps and accessible pushbuttons helps to make the corridor more accessible for all users. As a part of the project, a number of public utility repairs and improvements will also be included. Sanitary sewer, storm sewer and water main work will address areas in need of repairs and replacement, and to help address capacity issues and localized flooding.

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

Sincerely,



Mariannette Miller-Meeks
Member of Congress