



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

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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Warren County Highway G76 HMA Resurfacing Project in Fiscal Year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the County of Warren located at 301 N. Buxton Street Indianola, IA 50125.

The funding would be used for resurfacing approximately 7 miles of roadway on County Highway G76 from the City of New Virginia to State Highway 69. More specifically, the project will consist of a 4-inch thick hot mix asphalt (HMA) overlay in multiple lifts with an additional four feet of base widening and includes limited full-depth concrete patching, drain tile install, and minor culvert repair work. The overall typical section will consist of a 30 ft. wide pavement surface with 11 ft. wide lanes to match current conditions, serve as a traffic calming measure, and align with complete streets design criteria. The rural land use context will apply to this project per the 2018 AASHTO Green Book.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it mitigates current system vulnerabilities through improved safety, mobility, connectivity, and enhanced economic opportunities. It improves safety for the public in resurfacing a roadway that is currently rated as "Poor Condition" in the 2021 average Pavement Condition Index (PCI). Also of great importance is the ability of fire and emergency service personnel to respond safely to any mutual aid calls. Deteriorating roadways create delays for public safety responders. Public safety agencies attempt to reduce response times to better serve citizens, and roadways in poor condition increase those response times due to safety concerns for responding crews. Additionally, local farmers use this road to bring valuable commodities to market. County Highway G76 is designated as a major collector on the federal functional classification system and is on the farm-to-market system. This project will enhance the intermodal freight mobility of the region. Finally, this route is important for commerce and economic activity as it serves as the main thoroughfare for residents and commuters traveling from the New Virginia area to I-35 schools and other communities to the northeast and east such as Indianola, Milo, and Lacona.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 USC 133(b).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

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