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Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for 2022 Eastern Ave Paving in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is City of Red Oak and the project is located along Eastern Ave in the City of Red Oak, IA, 51566.

The funding is designated for a complete tear out and replacement of street, curb & gutter that has deteriorated over the years. Eastern Avenue is a primary collector route through the City and provides a corridor for local traffic traveling to the community hospital.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits: the impact of this project will include not only the enhancement of the local residential area, but also improves a primary route used by the entire community traveling to our County Hospital. Eastern Avenue is an Emergency Snow Route and is a heavily used collector street through the community.

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

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Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for Bus and Bus Facilities Upgrades in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is Iowa Department of Transportation and the project is located at transit agencies throughout the district: Southwest Iowa Transit Agency serving Cass, Fremont, Harrison, Mills, Montgomery, Page, Pottawattamie, and Shelby Counties, Western Iowa Transit serving Audubon, Carroll, Crawford, Greene, Guthrie, and Sac Counties, Heart of Iowa Regional Transit Agency serving Boone, Dallas, Jasper, Madison, Marion, Story, and Warren Counties, Southern Iowa Trolley, serving Adair, Adair, Ringgold, Taylor, Union, Clarke, and Decatur counties, and Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority serving Polk.

The funding is designated to upgrade the aging bus fleets in Iowa. These funds will provide increased funding to replace Iowa buses and facilities beyond their useful life in the state. The request funds will go towards replacing the 53% of Iowa’s fleet and aging facilities that are beyond their useful life. These funds are of critical importance for maintaining Iowa’s bus transit system.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits: currently, 53% of Iowa’s bus fleet is beyond its useful life, and $138 million is needed for replacement vehicles. Without new buses, the viability of each transit system will be deteriorated along with options for travelers. Iowa has a large senior citizen population compared to other states in the nation, which creates a need for more public transit availability, thus requiring larger bus fleets.

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Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for Reconstruct Cowles Drive, Phases 2 and 3 in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is Des Moines Airport and the project is located at 5800 Fleur Drive, Cowles Drive, Des Moines, Iowa 50321.

The funding is designated to relocate and construct the public road that serves as the Des Moines International Airport entrance and exit.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits: Des Moines International Airport is the largest airport in the State of Iowa serving over 65% of all commercial passengers in the State and 50% of all air cargo in the State. The Airport serves more than three quarters of the State of Iowa and passenger growth through Des Moines International Airport has grown to a point that the existing terminal will no longer serve the requests for airline aircraft gate occupancy or the number of passengers passing through the terminal. This project provides access to the front door of Iowa. It is a critical link for the multimodal transition that occurs at all airports. It is part of the larger Terminal Project underway which is undertaken to keep Iowa's economy moving forward into the 21st century.

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Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for High Trestle Trail Extension Project in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is City of Ankeny and the project is located at 600 SE Oralabor Road - Ankeny, Iowa 50021.

The funding is designated for The High Trestle Trail Extension, which includes the construction of 1.65 miles of 10-foot wide concrete recreation trail from SE Magazine Road to SE Oralabor Road/Highway 160 within the City of Ankeny.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits: the High Trestle Trail Extension Project will serve a large sector of the public by providing the enhanced recreational opportunities that a regional trail provides. This project will create the final link connecting the High Trestle Trail to the Oralabor Gateway Trail on the south side of the City of Ankeny. This will effectively fill a longstanding gap in the regional recreational trail system within the Des Moines Metropolitan Area. The High Trestle Trail running north from Ankeny is already one of the most popular trails in the metro area. This benefits the health and well being of our region within central Iowa as a whole. The improved trail will also directly benefit the local economies of Ankeny, Des Moines and the other cities located along the regional trails within central Iowa.

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Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for Southern Iowa Trolley Facility Project in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is Southern Iowa Trolley and the project is located at 215 E. Montgomery St., Creston, IA 50801.

The funding is designated for a new facility for Southern Iowa Trolley that provides demand response transportation services in seven rural Southwest Iowa counties.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits: will allow SIT to have its own facility, maintenance shop and enclosed vehicle area, thus reducing yearly expenses including monthly rental payment and high utility expenses caused by lack of insulation and would extend the useful life of vehicles by keeping them out of weather elements. Additionally, the current rented facility has black mold due to years of leaking roof issues in the facility.

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

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Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for University Avenue Area Transportation Improvements – Warrior Lane Phase II in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is the City of Waukee and the project is located in the City of Waukee, from University Ave north 0.34 miles to Waukee Middle School, 50263.

The funding is designated for the multi-year multi-phase effort by the City of Waukee to reconstruct existing roadways around University Avenue and create an east-west connection between South Warrior Lane and 6th Street. The phase of the project which is requesting funding is the second phase of S Warrior Lane improvements. S Warrior Lane will be reconstructed and widened to increase safety and reduce traffic congestion. This section of roadway will widen the area including left and right turn lanes near the entrance to the middle school. The project will add storm sewer, curb, and gutter sections to the roadway. A new drainage culvert as well as a pedestrian underpass are also included in the proposed improvements.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits: the project increases in safety and efficiency of the roadways in the area are a benefit to the public as a whole in addition to the jobs created.

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Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for 73rd Street Reconstruction - Phase 1 in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is Windsor Heights and the project is located at In the vicinity of 1600 73rd Street 50323, on 73rd Street from University Ave to Hickman Road.

The funding is designated for the total removal and replacement of concrete roadway, installation of extensive storm sewer upgrades, turn lane addition and pedestrian crossing enhancements for the adjacent elementary school, sidewalk improvements, and spot repairs to the sanitary sewer and water main infrastructure along the corridor.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits: would significantly increase the quality of surface transportation in the community, would allow for safer use by pedestrians, decrease congestion, and help fulfill the City’s vision of a complete streets plan.

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

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Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for 36th Ave. SW Reconstruction, Transit and Pedestrian Improvements in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is City of Altoona and the project is located at 36th Ave. SW, Altoona, IA 50009, including the intersection with 8th Street SW to the Wal-mart North Truck Entrance.

The funding is designated for 36th Ave. SW and the surrounding roadways are part of a multi-year and phased effort by the City of Altoona to reconstruct and improve the aging roadway network surrounding the popular entertainment and retail districts.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits: reconstruction of 36th Ave. SW not only provides a necessary improvement to an aging roadway, but also addresses traffic congestion within the area. The first phase of this multiphase reconstruction project will help spur further development in the vacant lots to the north and areas surrounding further creating jobs, and providing quality of life amenities for the residents of Altoona.

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

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Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for Essex North Bridge Replacement in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is Page County and the project is located at on D Avenue (M41), over the E. Nishnabotna River north of Essex, Iowa 51638.

The funding is designated for a complete replacement of the Essex North Bridge.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits: the bridge is one of four county bridges over the East Nishnabotna in Page County, and the only paved crossing in the county. It is the only paved route north of Essex serving the elevator in town that handles over 2 million bushels of grain in and out annually. In addition, it is also a heavily traveled route from Page County farms to grain processors in Council Bluffs. Furthermore, corn from northern Page County is also taken to the 72M gallon ethanol plant in Shenandoah via this route. The bridge is an important part of the agriculture transportation system in the county.

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Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for M63 Asphalt Pavement Overlay in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is Montgomery County and the project is located at M63 from Page Co. line to south side of the city limits of Stanton, Iowa 51573.

The funding is designated for an asphalt pavement overlay - an estimated 4.5 inch asphalt overlay over the existing PCC highway. The project will start at the Page County line north to the south end of the Stanton city limits for a total of approximately 5 miles. The existing roadway is 22 feet wide and comprised of 7 inch thick PCC slab with 6 foot wide granular shoulders constructed in late 1976-early 1977. The roadway was originally designed for 401 to 637 vehicles per day with a design speed of 50 miles per hour. The roadway pavement has significantly deteriorated due to age, increased traffic and traffic speeds.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits: M63 between Stanton and the Page County line is a heavily traveled route from Page and Montgomery County Producers to the grain elevator in Stanton. The roadway is an important part of our agricultural system as well as a major roadway for residential and commercial traffic between counties. The roadway carries up to 730 vehicles per day.

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

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Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for Shenandoah 2021 Street Resurfacing in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is City of Shenandoah and the project is located at North Center Street from West Sheridan Ave. to Ferguson Ave.; West Nishna Road from Fremont Street to Anna Cross Highway; West Thomas Avenue from US 59 to Railroad St., all in the City of Shenandoah, Iowa 51601.

The funding is designated for the City of Shenandoah to improve two Federally Classified Routes (North Center Street and West Nishna Road) and a Local Route (West Thomas Avenue). Project segment lengths include approximately 0.40 miles of North Center Street, 0.62 miles of West Nishna Road, and 0.42 miles of West Thomas Avenue.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits: these project segments serve as critical links throughout the City of Shenandoah and provide flow of commerce to the local economy. Replacement of the roadway surface and auxiliary improvements is critical to the long-term viability of the local economy in Shenandoah, by ensuring public safety and access throughout the City. Improving sidewalks to meet ADA standards would also improve access to local businesses and promote safe flow of pedestrian traffic.

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

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Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for Mills Civic Parkway Improvements in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is City of West Des Moines and the project is located at Mills Civic Pkwy, S. 91st St to S. Grand Prairie Pkwy.

The funding is designated for would reconstruct 1-mile of Mills Civic Parkway between S. 91st Street and S. Grand Prairie Pkwy. This street functions as a major arterial street and a gateway between West Des Moines and Waukee/Interstate 80. Theroadway has pavement deterioration issues due to the increase in traffic volumes — particularly, truck volumes. The new street would be constructed as a 3-lane roadway with an urban cross-section and center left-turn lanes. A new bridge over Sugar Creek, a new box culvert at Fox Creek, and a sidepath pedestrian/bike trail would also be constructed with this project to ensure the street is a “complete street.”

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits: the new street would add left-turn lanes to maintain safe traffic flow on the 40 mph street. It would be reconstructed with adequate pavement strength to accommodate traffic. The project would also include a sidepath trail for pedestrians and bicyclists.

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Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for US 169: Bridge Removal in Union County in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is Iowa Department of Transportation and the project is located at zip code 50254 in Union County.

The funding is designated to remove a bridge on US 169 over an abandoned railroad 2.8 miles north of the north junction of US 34 in Union County. The existing bridge was built in 1975 and needs to be replaced. By removing the bridge, a significantly less expensive project can be completed to maintain mobility.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits: The existing concrete beam bridge was built in 1975 and is over a now abandoned railroad and is in need of complete replacement which would allow a significantly less expensive solution. Since the railroad line is abandoned, the bridge can be removed and replaced with 24 ft. wide roadway with 10 ft. granular shoulders. The area under the existing bridge will be replaced with earth embankment and a small drainage structure to handle limited drainage needs. The new roadway will be built on existing horizontal and vertical alignment.

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

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