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Hon. Rosa DeLauro
Chairwoman
House Appropriations Committee
2413 RHOB
Washington, DC 20515

Hon. Kay Granger
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1026 LHOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Broadway Multimodal Improvements Project in fiscal year 2023. They are requesting $7,000,000 in funding.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Polk County, located at 111 Court Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50309.

Polk County, with support from the City of Des Moines, plans to reconstruct and expand Broadway Avenue from Iowa Highway 415 (locally known as NW 2nd Street) east to US Highway 6 (locally known as Hubbell Avenue). Broadway Avenue serves a large number of industrial businesses in an urban area with a two-lane rural roadway cross section. This project calls for reconstruction of the 5.2-mile roadway into a three-lane urban cross section that includes a two-way left-turn lane down the center. The project also includes plans to add more through and turn lanes to major intersections, including IA-415, US 69, and US 6. These extra lanes will accommodate heavier movements at those locations during peak commute times. A proposed underpass will allow vehicles and trucks to pass freely under the busiest two rail crossings in the corridor. Improvements to Broadway Avenue could also facilitate the DART (a passenger bus system) route expansion and better serve the industries located along the corridor with more reliable commuter traffic alternatives. In addition, improvements to Broadway Avenue would provide for better pedestrian infrastructure.

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

Cynthia Axne
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