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The Hon. Peter A. DeFazio
Chair
House Committee on Transportation
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Washington, D.C. 20515

The Hon. Sam Graves
Ranking Member
House Committee on Transportation
2164 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Chairman DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

As you work to complete surface transportation authorization legislation, I write to request the following Member Designated Projects:

- **CTH M/Century Avenue Bridge (B-13-0046) over Pheasant Branch Replacement Including Approaches and Branch Street Intersection**
 - **Requested Amt.:** \$2 million
 - **Project Sponsor:** Dane County
 - **Project Location:** County Highway M/Century Ave. Bridge over Pheasant Branch, Middleton, WI 53562
 - **Description:** Replace the functionally obsolete and structurally deficient bridge over Pheasant Branch (bridge sufficiency number 38.5 and NBI rating 4) in the City of Middleton on County Highway M/Century Avenue. A bike tunnel and trail improvements will be included in the project to connect the existing bike network. The existing undivided four-lane highway, classified as a principal arterial, will be improved with a median section to incorporate natural lighting for the tunnel and a pedestrian refuge area at the intersection of Branch Street. An exclusive left turn lane will also be added at Branch Street.
 - **Justification:** Replacing obsolete and structurally deficient bridges are projects the Committee should prioritize in any surface transportation authorization legislation. The safety of motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians will all be increased with the replacement of this bridge.

- **CTH CV from Government Road to USH 51**
 - **Requested Amt.:** \$2 million
 - **Project Sponsor:** Dane County
 - **Project Location:** County Highway CV from Government Road to U.S. Highway 51, Madison, WI 53704
 - **Description:** Resurface County Highway CV along the northern and western boundary of the Dane County Regional Airport. On-road bike facilities will be included, all deficient drainage structures will be replaced, and all existing drainage ditches will be improved along this important artery providing access to downtown Madison, WI.
 - **Justification:** Dane County is the most populous portion of Wisconsin's Second Congressional District, and Dane County Regional Airport is one of the most important pieces of transportation infrastructure in the region. Replacing degraded roads connecting the airport to downtown Madison, WI ensures the continued growth and improvement of the region unimpeded.

- **CTH CC from Ash Street to CTH D**
 - **Requested Amt.:** \$2 million
 - **Project Sponsor:** Dane County
 - **Project Location:** County Highway CC in the Town and Village of Oregon, WI 53575
 - **Description:** Resurface and widen existing roadway to accommodate on-road bike lanes. Drainage structures will be replaced and/or widened as needed, and curbs and gutters will replace ditches in areas within the Village of Oregon.
 - **Justification:** Approval of this project ensures that taxpayer dollars are spent replacing and improving deficient and deteriorating roadways, increasing bicycle access, and improving safety.

- **CTH P from CTH PD to CTH S**
 - **Requested Amt.:** \$2 million
 - **Project Sponsor:** Dane County
 - **Project Location:** County Highway P from County Highway PD to County Highway S, Village of Klevenville and Town of Springdale, WI 53572
 - **Description:** Resurface and widen County Highway P to improve on-road bike lanes. Replace and/or widen drainage structures. Curbs and gutters will replace ditches in areas within the unincorporated Village of Klevenville. The Military Ridge Trail Crossing will be improved to enhance safety, and guardrails will be added or replaced as needed.
 - **Justification:** Approval of this project ensures that taxpayer dollars are spent replacing and improving deficient and deteriorating roadways, increasing bicycle access, and improving safety.

- **US 14 (Wisconsin River to Oak Street) between Spring Green & Madison**
 - **Requested Amt.:** \$2 million
 - **Project Sponsor:** Wisconsin Department of Transportation
 - **Project Location:** US 14 from the Wisconsin River to Oak Street in the Village of Arena, WI 53503
 - **Description:** Repairing 6.56 miles of deteriorating pavement that has extensive cracking and rutting by removing 2.5 inches of the existing surface and repaving it with 2.5 inches of new asphaltic material.
 - **Justification:** Resurfacing this stretch of road and installing a new centerline and shoulder rumble strips, along with new pavement markings, will make it much safer for the traveling public.

- **Reedsburg – Wisconsin Dells STH 136 Intersection Const./Intersection Improvement/RAB Safety**
 - **Requested Amt.:** \$1.6 million
 - **Project Sponsor:** Wisconsin Department of Transportation
 - **Project Location:** Intersection of State Highway 023 and State Highway 136 Reedsburg, WI 53959
 - **Description:** Convert the existing WIS 23/WIS 136 intersection into a single lane roundabout.
 - **Justification:** Over a recent four-year period, this intersection had two fatal crashes and five crashes that resulted in injury. Wisconsin roundabouts have been demonstrated to result in a 52 percent decrease in fatal and injurious crashes.

- **Reedsburg – Baraboo, Preston Avenue to STH 23 Const./Mill & Overlay, State 3R**
 - **Requested Amt.:** \$125,000
 - **Project Sponsor:** Wisconsin Department of Transportation
 - **Project Location:** State Highway 033 from Preston Avenue to State Highway 023 in Reedsburg, WI 53959
 - **Description:** Resurface 0.3 miles of State Highway 033 from Preston Avenue to State Highway 023 in Reedsburg, WI.
 - **Justification:** Resurfacing deteriorated roadway within the City of Reedsburg will improve safety for all users and ensure a quality surface for years to come.

- **Atwood Ave. (Fair Oaks Ave. to Cottage Grove Rd.)**
 - **Requested Amt.:** \$6.275 million
 - **Project Sponsor:** City of Madison
 - **Project Location:** Atwood Ave. from Fair Oaks Ave. to Cottage Grove Rd. Madison, WI 53704
 - **Description:** Reconstruct Atwood Ave. in Madison, WI from Fair Oaks to Cottage Grove Rd. This project is a joint project with the City of Monona, and it will reconstruct the existing four-lane undivided roadway into a three-lane boulevard with pedestrian and bicycle multi-use paths. It will include important pedestrian and bicycle safety features such as enhanced crosswalks with medians and flashing beacons to provide safe access to Olbrich Park and Olbrich Botanical Gardens, and it will reconstruct a portion of the popular Lake Loop Bike Path. Additionally, a new pedestrian and bicycle bridge will be included over Starkweather Creek and important stormwater sewer facility upgrades will be made to reduce flooding in the area. More details and plans may be viewed here:
<https://www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/projects/atwood-avenue>.
 - **Justification:** This project will introduce improved function and safety features to the area, including greater (and safer) public access to existing parks.

- **Willowbrook Road Widening Wisconsin/Illinois State Line Road to Colley Road**
 - **Requested Amt.:** \$2 million
 - **Project Sponsor:** City of Beloit
 - **Project Location:** Willowbrook Road from State Line Road to Colley Road Beloit, WI 53511
 - **Description:** This project is needed to accommodate significant increases in motor vehicle, bicycle, and pedestrian traffic that will result from the construction of a hotel, convention center, restaurants, and casino by the Ho-Chunk Nation, a federally recognized tribe. This 0.82 mile stretch of Willowbrook Road currently only has three traffic lanes and a curb, gutter, and sidewalk on the west side of the road only. Willowbrook Road will be widened to include a new northbound traffic lane and a curb, gutter, storm sewer, and shared use path on the east side of the road as well.
 - **Justification:** The economic development being pursued by the Ho-Chunk Nation will be transformational for it and surrounding communities. Existing infrastructure immediately adjacent to the development and serving the area will be insufficient to meet the needs of increased ridership. Approving this project will alleviate congestion that would otherwise result from increased usage without road improvements.

I thank you for your full and fair consideration of these requests. I certify neither I, nor my immediate family, have any financial interest in these Member Designated Project requests, and I have made them publicly available on my website at the following address: <https://pocan.house.gov/community-and-member-designated-project-requests>. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns, and your staff may contact David Bagby of my staff at (202) 225-2906 or david.bagby@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress