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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$5,040,000 in funding for the Design and Engineering for the Reconstruction of the I-35 and County Highway 50 Interchange project in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is the County of Dakota, located at 1590 Highway 55, Hastings, MN 55033.

The funding would be used to develop the final design plans for the reconstruction of the I-35 and County Highway 50 interchange to advance the project to construction. The existing I-35 and County Highway 50 interchange does not have sufficient capacity, sight distance or turn lanes, which results in delays and safety issues in this growing area of Lakeville, Dakota County's largest city. Dakota County and the City of Lakeville have been planning to replace this deficient interchange since 2004 and have made significant local investments in right of way acquisition, local road reconfiguration, and drainage improvements. The total estimated construction cost of the interchange is \$45 million. Proceeding with design of the interchange will ensure the project is shovel ready and eligible for upcoming grant solicitations from various funding sources.

This project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will remove the constraints on County Highway 50 at I-35, improving traffic flow and safety and facilitating continued economic development.

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

Sincerely,



Angie Craig
Member of Congress