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June 22, 2021

Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for the City of Red Wing's Levee Road Realignment project in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The lead project sponsor for this project is the City of Red Wing and the project is located near Red Wing Upper Harbor near Bay Point Park, Red Wing, MN (55066).

The project will realign Levee Road, a Federal-aid eligible Minor Collector located along the bank of the Mississippi River to add new efficiency, staging and fleeting capabilities for drivers delivering locally grown grain commodities to nearby Red Wing Grain, LLC for international export. The funding would also help establish a riverfront railroad quiet zone.

Additionally, as a result of this realignment, a portion of the existing Mississippi River Trail (MRT) utilizing the Levee Road corridor will require relocation. The MRT is Minnesota's only state bicycle route designated by state statute and is designated U.S. Bicycle Route 45. The City has already received funding under the Title 23 Transportation Alternatives Program (TA) for a segment of adjacent MRT. Stormwater management infrastructure is also envisioned near the trail and would be similarly eligible for funding under 23 U.S.C § 133.

The realignment project would be an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is crucial to finishing this two-phase economic revitalization project that will improve the Upper Harbor area for local businesses and residents.

I strongly encourage your inclusion of this project in federal surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

Pursuant to House Rule XXIII, clause 17, and in accordance with the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure Chair and Ranking Member guidance, I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely, Angie Gaig

Member of Congress

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