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May 3, 2024

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$8,000,000 in funding for Dakota County I-35 Bridges and CH 50 Interchange in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Dakota County, located at 1590 Highway 55, Hastings, MN, 55033.

This funding would be used to replace the I-35 bridges over County Road 50 and reconstruct the interchange in the city of Lakeville, MN, including the expansion of County Road 50. The existing I-35 and County Road 50 interchange does not have sufficient capacity, sight distance or turn lanes. This results in delays and safety issues in this growing area of Lakeville, Dakota County's largest city and one of the fastest-growing cities in the state. 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.

This project is a good use of taxpayer dollars because it will improve transportation safety by addressing a long-standing need that was identified more than 20 years ago when County Road 50 was expanded from two to four travel lanes except for the area under I-35.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 23 USC 133(b)(1).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Angie Craig
Member of Congress