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Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for GS13: 31st Street & IHB Grade Separation in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is the City of Chicago and the Chicago Department of Transportation and the project is located at 800 E 31st Street, La Grange Park, IL 60526.

The funding designated for the project will consider eliminating the at-grade crossing of 31st Street and the three Indiana Harbor Belt (IHB) tracks. This will be accomplished by creating either an overpass or underpass for vehicles at this location. This federal request is for a Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study, which will lead to a future environmental review study.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits: This project will reduce roadway congestion and improve safety at this grade crossing. The grade crossing separation will eliminate delay to nearly 2,100 vehicles daily, resulting in alleviation of almost 16,000 annual motorist hours of delay. It will also eliminate the potential for collisions between vehicles and trains.

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

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress
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