April 27, 2021

Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for 34th Street Road Modernization and Stormwater Management Improvements Phase I Design in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is the City of Berwyn and the project is located at 34th Street, Harlem Avenue to Ridgeland Avenue.

The funding designated for this project consists of improving the corridor for all users as well as addressing stormwater improvements. Construction will include rehabilitating the roadway, sidewalk and curb/gutter for improved overall flow of people and vehicles. Pedestrian enhancements will be included for safety, increased sight distance and ADA compliance. Traffic safety measures will be incorporated for the vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle traffic that frequents the corridor. This corridor is heavily traveled, facilitating 4,050 vehicles per day providing direct access to MacNeal Hospital, as well as the Pace routes located on Harlem, Oak Park and Ridgeland avenues.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits: reducing the stormwater runoff and ensuring that pedestrians are protected against vehicles will result in fewer pedestrian fatalities and the busy roadway.

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

Sincerely,

Jesús G. "Chuy" García
Member of Congress
Illinois’ 4th Congressional District