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April 27, 2021

Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for Traffic Signal System Modernization including APS 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 Kedzie and Avondale & SEB JFK, Kedzie and Belmont & Kennedy, and Pulaski and Wellington

The funding is designated for Modernization of the 1500 signals throughout the City requiring upgrading. The inclusion of Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS) allows for information about the WALK and DON'T WALK intervals at signalized intersections to be communicated to the visually impaired. The Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) requires that APS provide both audible and vibrotactile walk indications. CDOT needs resources to modernize and update traffic signal systems at multiple intersections throughout the city. These updates will serve those who drive and those who walk in our neighborhoods. There is a complete list of projects available, and can be tailored to your district.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits: increased safety for the visually impaired and other users of the 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
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