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Chairman Peter A. DeFazio
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Ranking Member Sam Graves
Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure
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Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for the extension of Graaskamp Boulevard located in Wilmington, Illinois, in the surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is City of Wilmington, Illinois, and the project is located in the City of Wilmington, Illinois, 60481.

The funding is designated for extending the existing Graaskamp Boulevard on a new alignment approximately 3,100 feet. The extension will connect to the future FAI 55 and IL Route 129 interchange currently in later stages of Phase I development under the direction of the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). Improvements will include a new 4-lane cross-section with full-depth PCC pavement, curb and gutter, enclosed drainage, intersection improvements at Murphy Road (west connection), Elion Boulevard, and Murphy Road (east connection), watermain, sanitary sewer, lighting, signing, striping, and seeding. This work will be coordinated with design and construction of the Murphy Road corridor being completed by BNSF.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars. The Graaskamp Boulevard extension will serve as a primary connecting roadway in ELP- 55 that will provide for safe arrival-departure of BNSF employee traffic and other development traffic, separated from heavy intermodal freight movements. Additionally, the extension will connect FAI 55 and IL 129 with more than 30 million square feet of logistics building space acting in a super-regional distribution capacity. Private investment, economic development, and job creation will be directly enabled as a result of the Graaskamp Boulevard Extension.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and your continued leadership of the Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure. I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Adam Kinzinger
Member of Congress