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Chairman Peter A. DeFazio
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2165 Rayburn House Office Building
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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 an extension of Houbolt Road in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is Will County, Illinois, and the project is located on US Route 6 from Channahon, Illinois 60410 to Joliet, Illinois 60436.

The funding is designated for upgrades to US 6 from Channahon, Illinois, to Joliet, Illinois, and is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars. With the construction of the Houbolt Road interchange on Interstate 80, traffic along this corridor is likely to increase for trucks looking to access the intermodal campuses off of I-55. Upgrading US 6 in this area will provide access without trucks having to exit onto I-80 and exit immediately at the upgraded interchange. It will mitigate congestion at the confluence of I-55 and I-80, provide a more direct route to the intermodal facilities thereby reducing vehicle miles traveled and provide the resulting environmental benefits. The project scored in the top tier in the Will County Community Friendly Freight Mobility Plan and the Will County Joliet Intermodal Transportation Master Plan based on performance metrics. This project has the potential for a partnership among IDOT, Channahon, Will County and private interests.

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