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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 City of DeKalb's Traffic Signal Modernization Project in the surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is the City of DeKalb and the project is located in DeKalb and Sycamore, Illinois, 60115 and 60178.

The funding is designated for upgrading outdated roadway intersection traffic signals to ethernet-based, centrally-controlled equipment at approximately 50 locations in the metropolitan area. The hardware upgrades will also allow the City to finally replace outdated DOS-based coordination software with the latest Windows-based software.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars. This project would serve all members of the DeKalb-Sycamore metropolitan area as the upgraded signal system would be re-optimized for improved traffic flow efficiency, reducing congestion, fuel consumption, and pollution while improving safety for all user types, including vehicles and pedestrians. Additionally, switching to a centrally-controlled system allows for monitoring and quick identification and repair of traffic signal issues on the roadway and to adjust signal timing in case of an emergency or special event.

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