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House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-2507

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Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for the Grand Street Pedestrian Underpass and Streetscape Improvements in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is Ozark Transportation Organization, and the project is located on the Missouri State University campus in Springfield, Missouri.

The funding is designated for improvement of the grand street tunnel that connects the North side of Grant Street and Missouri State's main campus with parking lots on the South side of the street. To avoid conflicts involving pedestrians and vehicles, a Grand Street tunnel was constructed in the 1980s. The tunnel has steep access steps on each side and is not accessible by persons with disabilities. Pedestrian crossings between the parking lots and the campus have increased significantly due to the growth of Missouri State University's campus and significant traffic increase in the city.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits:

- Improved underground crossing that will be ADA accessible and safer for all pedestrians
- Discourage at grade pedestrian crossings to avoid vehicular/pedestrian conflicts
- Improvements to Grand Avenue to better facilitate turning movements

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

Sincerely,



Rep. Billy Long

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