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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 MM Highway Expansion from I-44 to US 60 in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is the city of Republic, MO, and the project is located at MM, Republic, MO 65738.

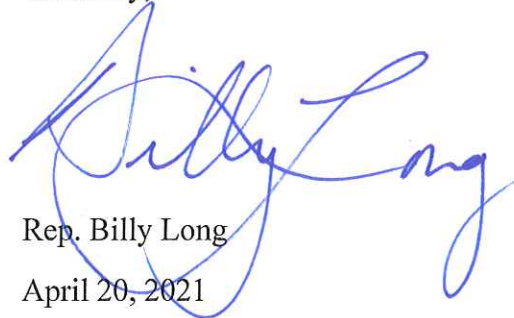
The funding is designated for MM Highway Expansion from US 60 to I-44 to include five lanes, a railroad overpass and relocated road and intersection. MM is an essential freight corridor for Southwest Missouri as it connects the Springfield-Branson National Airport with I-44, US 360, and US 60. A new Amazon distribution facility is opening August 2021 with planned site adjacent improvements. Additional needed improvements will expand Highway MM between US 60 and I-44 to accommodate the increased freight from Amazon and other existing and planned developments.

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

- Safety improvements to reduce freight and passenger vehicle conflicts
- Reduced emissions by getting traffic moving
- Improved freight times to I-44 and US 360

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

Sincerely,



Rep. Billy Long
April 20, 2021