April 27, 2021

Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for the IL 29 Narrows Project in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is the City of Peoria and the project is located from Gardner Lane to North of the McCluggage Bridge in Peoria, Illinois 61614.

The funding is designated for a bi-directional turn lane, retaining walls and a multi-use path along IL 29 corridor on the north side of Peoria and Peoria Heights.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits: The path will provide for additional connections to the major, regional Rock Island Trail located a short distance to the west. This trail will provide an alternative to motorized travel to numerous residential, commercial, industrial, and recreational areas along the corridor. This will aid in reducing traffic congestion for the 14,100 vehicles that currently use IL 29 in addition to the other nearby roadways. This trail will help improve air quality from reduced vehicle use, reduced vehicle congestion, support non-motorized transportation, enhance public health and provide an economic boost to the regional economy by providing users an alternate means to access commercial, business, and recreational amenities.

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

Sincerely,

Darin LaHood
Member of Congress
April 27, 2021