The Honorable Peter DeFazio
Chairman
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Sam Graves
Ranking Member
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting $3.7 million in funding to reconstruct the roadway and make necessary utility upgrades to approximately three miles of road on Helvenston Street from US 129 to US 90 in Live Oak, FL.

The project sponsor for this project is the City of Live Oak in Suwannee County.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and will provide a direct positive impact for the residents of Suwannee County. Helvenston Street serves as a local bypass and business access road to residents of the City of Live Oak, Florida and those traveling to Live Oak for employment purposes. The age and deteriorating condition of this road has led the city to seek funding to reconstruct the roadway and make necessary utility upgrades to mitigate flooding along the project limits. Improvements will include reconstruction of the travel lanes, replacement of curb & gutter, and necessary utility upgrades and extensions. These upgrades will be pivotal to the sustainability of travel for business owners, employees, and residents along the project limits. This project is unique in that it is a county owned road running through city limits. This project has the full support of the Live Oak City Council as well as the Suwannee County Board of County Commissioners who will view it as a joint participation project.

The specific intent of this funding request is to seek assistance in financing the Design and Construction Phase of this project to offset direct county costs, reducing the potential need to pass off costs to financially vulnerable residents.

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

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress