



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

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The Honorable Peter DeFazio
Chair
Committee on Transportation
and Infrastructure
2165 Rayburn House Office Building
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Sam Graves
Ranking Member
Committee on Transportation
and Infrastructure
2164 Rayburn House Office Building
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for Bullitt County; "Reconstruction of KY 44 from US 31E to KY 1319" in the surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor is the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, and the project is located at a 2.3-mile section of Highway 44 in Mount Washington, Kentucky 40047.

The funding is designated for improvement of KY 44 from US 31E/150 to KY 1319 (King's Church Road).

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to assist Mount Washington, Kentucky and the surrounding communities. Mount Washington is a small community outside of Louisville, Kentucky and is the second fastest growing community in the Commonwealth. Along this section of road there is currently an overcrowded high school and a middle school. Also, there is an elementary school scheduled to open in 2022. In addition, there is a 600-home residential development and a 400-unit senior living facility currently under construction. The Highway 44 expansion project is an important safety and economic development project for the residents of Bullitt County, surrounding counties, and for others traveling through the area. This highway is the only east/west route connecting Bullitt County to Spencer and Jefferson counties; however, it is a largely rural road. There are no shoulders to pull off onto for emergency vehicles to pass and no alternative routes to get around accidents on this highway. Crash data reveals 252 crashes along this section of KY 44 over the last 10 years, including 122 rear-end collisions. This project will enhance safety for residents and motorists in Bullitt County. The proposed federal funding of this project would accelerate the completion timeline.

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

Sincerely,

BRETT GUTHRIE
Member of Congress