



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 Daviess County; "Improve KY 54 from west of the US 60 Bypass to CR 1021" in the surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor is the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, and the project is located at a 5.55-mile section of KY-54 in Owensboro, Kentucky 42303.

The funding is designated for widening and safety improvements that will help reduce congestion along KY 54 from US 60 Bypass to Jack Hinton Road.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to address safety concerns and reduce congestion along Kentucky 54 east of the US 60 Bypass. This road is the primary access for a 250-acre mixed-use development property. This includes over 500,000 square feet of retail, restaurant and entertainment space along with hotels, and professional and medical offices. The same section of Kentucky 54 serves two elementary schools and an additional middle school is under construction. This widening project will better accommodate new developments that are under construction and planned in the near future. Traffic is anticipated to increase by more than 60% in the next 20 years. Today this section of roadway varies from a 5-lane template to a 2-lane rural template with minimal shoulders. Crash data shows over 800 accidents within this 5.55-mile stretch over the past 3 years. The proposed federal funding of this project would accelerate the completion timeline dramatically.

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

Sincerely,

BRETT GUTHRIE
Member of Congress