



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 Hancock County; "Improve westbound lanes of US 60 from KY 1957 to KY 6106" in the surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor is the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, and the project is located at a 6.28-mile section of U.S. 60 in Lewisport, KY 42351.

The funding is designated for the extension widening narrow lanes, adding road shoulders, and adding merge lanes for exiting to adjoining roadways along a section of US 60.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to make significant improvements and upgrades to U.S. 60. This section of U.S. 60 is a thoroughfare for extensive industrial traffic, and upgrades to this section of the highway benefit all local and transient travelers. Multiple industries and the local school system use this section of highway daily. In addition to easing congestion, this critical project will ease serious safety concerns. The lanes on U.S. 60 in Hancock county are currently narrow with no shoulders and have resulted in numerous accidents, many of which involved overturned semi-trucks. Some of these accidents also resulted in hazardous materials being spilled. This project will address these safety concerns for the residents of Hancock county, as well as the workers who travel on US-60 to and from the industries located in Hancock 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