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Dear Chairman DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves,

I am requesting funding for the I-35 widening project in the surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor is the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) and is located on Interstate 35 (I-35) between 0.2 miles south of US 82 in Cook County, Texas to Mile Marker 1 in Love County, Oklahoma.

The funding is designated for improvements on I-35 Interstate, performing reconstruction to change it from a 4-lane to a 6-lane facility and adding additional lanes to the outside existing highway. This project would construct 2 new 8-lane bridges over the Red River.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to offer higher mobility, safer transportation, and economic benefits to this rural area of the country. I-35 is one of the primary freight and passenger vehicle corridors in the nation, and drives the economy of Oklahoma.

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

Sincerely,

Tom Cole

Member of Congress

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