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Dear Chairman DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves,

I am requesting funding for the S.E. 29th Street Bridge Replacement & Repair Project in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is the Oklahoma Department of Transportation and is located in Midwest City, Oklahoma 73110.

The funding is designated for S.E. 29th Street in Midwest City, Oklahoma, a 4-land arterial and a primary transportation route for workers at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma's largest employer. It also serves as the city boundary between the base and Midwest City. Two bridges, the Crutch Creek Bridge and the Kuhlman Creek Bridge lie within a quarter of a mile of each other beneath a stretch of S.E. 29th Street located between Sooner Road and Air Depot Blvd. Both have been identified as "Structurally Deficient" by the Oklahoma Department of Transportation and are included in the ENCOMPASS 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan for the Oklahoma City area. Federal assistance is needed to replace the Crutch Creek Bridge and make extensive repairs to the Kuhlman Creek Bridge.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to provide more safety and structure for the thousands of commuters to Tinker that travel along this four-lane arterial to and from work, along with many more in the community.

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

Sincerely,

Tom Cole
Member of Congress
April 27, 2021