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The Honorable Peter DeFazio
Chairman
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The Honorable Sam Graves
Ranking Member
House Committee on Transportation
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Dear Chairman DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for the Dupo Interchange project in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is Jerald Wilson and the Village of Dupo, and the project is located on I-255 south of the current Exit 9 interchange in Dupo, Illinois 62239.

The funding is designated for the project which is seeking to update the NEPA classification for additional work. The Village of Dupo desires to maintain two (2) interchange ramps (south-bound exit ramp and the north-bound entrance ramp) at the existing Exit 9 interchange after completion of the new interchange at Davis Street Ferry Road. In order to do so FHWA requires another NEPA study to be conducted for the same area given that the two (2) existing interchange ramps are requested to remain open.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits. The new interchange would allow access to an area of undeveloped land lying south of the Village of Dupo, St. Clair County, Illinois that has a high economic potential for the development of intermodal freight access to I-255, access to the Mississippi River barge transportation system, and access to Union Pacific's rail yard.

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

Sincerely,



Mike Bost
Member of Congress