Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for the Intersection Improvements on Route 39 at Beckerle Street and East Gate Road project in surface transportation reauthorization legislation. The project sponsor for this project is the Connecticut Department of Transportation and the project is located in Danbury, Connecticut.

This project is located on Rt. 39 (Clapboard Ridge Road) in Danbury, CT and will address the left-turn movements during peak hours on Rt. 39 at Beckerle Street and East Gate Road to accommodate the increase in vehicles making left-turn movements at these intersections to access Danbury High School. The crash histories for these intersections show a pattern of rear-end collisions that may be associated with the lack of left-turn lanes and substandard sight lines. The project includes minor widening of Rt. 39 at the Beckerle St. and East Gate Road intersections to allow for the addition of exclusive left-turn lanes on the southbound approaches. This work will require minor modifications to the existing drainage system. The project also impacts multiple driveways which will require reconstruction. Rt. 39 will be resurfaced with a 3” mill & pave treatment and the traffic signals at both intersections will be replaced and modified for the new intersection configurations.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and will improve safety by reducing the rear-end crashes associated with the lack of left-turn lanes and substandard sight lines at the intersection.

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

Sincerely,

JAHANA HAYES
Member of Congress