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The Honorable Peter A. DeFazio
Chairman
House Committee on Transportation
and Infrastructure
2165 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Sam Graves
Ranking Member
House Committee on Transportation
and Infrastructure
2164 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Chairman DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves,

I am requesting funding for the Alabama State Highway 77 Northbound Bridge Replacement Project in the surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is the City of Southside and the project is located where Alabama State Highway 77 crosses the Coosa River between Whorton Bend Road and Fowlers Ferry Road in Southside, AL 35907.

The funding is designated for completing the engineering design and environmental phase to replace the existing 90-year-old one-lane northbound bridge. This project was identified as being included in the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan published by the Gadsden Etowah Metropolitan Planning Organization (GEMPO) and is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars with abundant community support.

Due to the current single-lane design of the bridge, traffic is forced to merge creating congestion in the area which has led to accidents as well as delays in response times for emergency personnel responding to calls. The project is expected to reduce congestion and improve safety along this corridor.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert B. Aderholt".

Robert B. Aderholt
Member of Congress

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