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March 30, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chair
House Appropriations Committee
H-307, The Capitol Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$3.85 million for the Eagle Road Reconstruction project in the FY24 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations bill.

The project sponsor for this project is the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes, located at 85 W. Agency Road Building 82, Fort Hall, Idaho 83203. This funding would be used to reconstruct a 0.5 mile stretch of Eagle Road between Ross Fork Road and Agency Road on the Fort Hall Reservation. Eagle Road is 0.25 miles off of Exit 80 of Interstate 15 and is a main area for economic development on the Reservation.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars because Eagle Road connects to the Tribes governmental offices and to a tribal low-income residential community with more than 100 homes. The project will construct wider lanes for the road; designated bike lanes; sidewalks; curb and gutters with storm drains, bus stop shelters and designated crosswalks. Currently, sections of the road are failing and are unable to support additional traffic and current and proposed economic development projects. The project will also develop streetscapes and continuous sidewalks that will tie surrounding streets together and provide access, livability, and safety for residents and visitors as they walk or bike along this essential transportation corridor.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 USC 202 of the Tribal Transportation program.

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 "Mike Simpson" with a small "M.C." to the right.

Mike Simpson
March 30, 2023