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Honorable Peter DeFazio
Chairman
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
U.S. House of Representatives
2165 Rayburn House Office Building
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Honorable Sam Graves
Ranking Member
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
U.S. House of Representatives
2165 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for the Center Street Railroad Bridge Underpass project in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is the City of Pocatello and the project is located at 911 N 7th Ave, Pocatello, ID 83201.

The funding is designated to repair the abutments, replace the fascia and portals to the sidewalks, and replacing the retaining walls and sidewalks leading to the pedestrian tunnels. The existing roadway and pedestrian lighting will be upgraded. The existing stormwater system will be modified or replaced to more adequately handle storm events and a pedestrian bridge across Center Street will be constructed.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars. The Center Street underpass is the primary entrance to the heart of Historic Downtown Pocatello. It is an essential element of the city's transportation system with over 10,000 vehicles traveling through this structure daily. This is one of three principle arterial streets which cross the railroad connecting the downtown area to the rest of Pocatello.

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
April 20, 2021