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Honorable Peter DeFazio
Chairman
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U.S. House of Representatives
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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 First Street Reconstruction project in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is the City of Ammon, Idaho, and the project is located on First Street from Hitt (25th) to Ammon (35th) in Ammon, Idaho 83406.

The funding is designated to reconstruct First Street from Hitt (25th) to Ammon (35th). The street will be widened to five lanes, with two lanes in each direction and a center two-way turn lane. The project will add a curb, gutter, and sidewalk along the entire section. It will also widen the current Sand Creek bridge to five lanes and include sidewalks and add a traffic signal at the Curlew intersection.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars. First Street is a principal arterial that is vital to the economic development and quality of life for the region. The road proposed for reconstruction is in failing condition and unsafe. The current v/c ratio is at 1.41, which means that it already is operating above its capacity. Existing farmlands along First Street and locations further east will continue to grow, and First Street will see a steady growth rate for the next few years.

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