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The Honorable James L. Oberstar
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The Honorable John L. Mica
Ranking Member
Committee on Transportation and
Infrastructure
2163 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Chairman Oberstar and Ranking Member Mica:

I write to request that the surface transportation authorization act include funding for the following high-priority projects.

- 1) **Metropolis 12th Street Extension:** \$1,200,000 in funding for this project is for the widening of 12th Street from just south of Pullen Road to Catherine Street (FAU 9758 and FAU 9759).
- 2) **Bone Gap Rd:** \$2,120,000 in funding to be utilized on the Bone Gap Road South (FAS 813) from IL Rte 15; thence north 4.0 mi to the Bone Gap Road West (FAS 2815). The funds will cover costs for the preliminary and construction engineering, the acquisition of right-of-way, utility relocation and road construction.
- 3) **Collinsville 159 Extension:** \$43,200,000 in funding for the land acquisition, engineering, and construction of Illinois Route 159 widening project in Collinsville, Illinois.
- 4) **Effingham Outer Belt West:** \$2,240,000 in funding for the construction of Outer Belt West – Northern Phase (from Avenue of Mid-America to Ford Avenue), IDOT Section No. 05-00094-02-PV, which also includes improvements to the intersection at Keller Drive and Ford Avenue.

- 5) **Godfrey Crosstown Connector:** \$9,600,000 in funding for the design, engineering, right of way acquisition, and construction of Godfrey Crosstown Connector project that connects US 67 to Illinois Route 3.
- 6) **Old Troy Road:** \$3,950,000 in funding for the environmental review, acquire right of way, and construction of Old Troy Rd. from Glen Crossing Road south to Illinois Route 162.
- 7) **IL Rte 29 from Berry to Pana:** \$52,000,000 in funding for the plan, design, land acquisition and construction for expansion from Berry to Pana, IL Illinois Route 29 from 0.8 mile south of Berry to 1.2 miles south of Edinburg including a bypass east of Edinburg to Taylorville and on to Pana.
- 8) **Shelbyville S. 8th St.:** \$1,000,000 in funding for the construction of 8th St. Extension in Shelbyville, Illinois.
- 9) **US 67 from Jerseyville to Carrollton:** \$17,800,000 in funding for the land acquisition, engineering and construction of US 67 from Scott County line through Greene County, Jerseyville to the Alton Bypass.
- 10) **US 51 from Assumption to Pana:** \$56,240,000 in funding to acquire right of way, engineer and construct widening project of US 51 from Assumption to Pana, IL.
- 11) **Iron Bridge and Woodside Road:** \$25,488,000 in funding for the design and construction engineering, land construction of an extension of MacArthur Blvd to Iron Bridge Rd and reconstruction of Woodside Road from Chatham Road to N. Lake Road with grade crossing and trail improvements.
- 12) **Mt. Vernon 34th Street:** \$1,680,000 in funding for the construction of South 34th St. (FAU Route 8728) Mt. Vernon, Jefferson County, Illinois from Peach Street South to Veterans Memorial Drive.
- 13) **Auburn/Divernon Road:** \$224,000 in funding for the preliminary engineering and land acquisition for a 5 mile long roadway project to rehabilitate and reconstruct Divernon Rd (FAS 625) from Illinois Route 4 to the Village of Divernon in Sangamon County including the replacement of a bridge.

- 14) **US 50 from Lawrenceville to Olney:** \$17,600,000 in funding for the planning, engineering, land acquisition and construction of US 50 between Lawrenceville and Olney, IL
- 15) **US 50 from Lebanon to Carlyle:** \$3,200,000 in funding for the engineering, land acquisition and construction of interchange on US 50 from Lebanon to Carlyle at Flat Branch Rd.
- 16) **Stanford Ave Extension:** \$11,040,000 in funding to design, engineer, acquire right of way and construct the Stanford Ave. extension from 6th St. to Taylor Ave. in Springfield, Illinois.

Pursuant to clause 17(a)(5) of Rule XXIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives for the 111th Congress, I hereby certify that neither my spouse nor I have any financial interest in such Congressional earmark and that this request will be made publicly available on my Official Website.

Consistent with the Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks, I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge this request (1) is not directed to an entity or program that will be named after a sitting Member of Congress; (2) is not intended to be used by an entity to secure funds for other entities unless the use of funding is consistent with the specified purpose of the earmark; and (3) meets or exceeds all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable. I further certify that should this request be included in the bill, I will place a statement in the *Congressional Record* describing how the funds will be spent and justifying the use of federal taxpayer funds.

Thanks you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

JOHN M. SHIMKUS