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The Honorable Peter DeFazio Chairman Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure 2165 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Sam Graves
Ranking Member
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
2164 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for the RM 2243 Resiliency Project in surface transportation reauthorization legislation. The sponsor for this project is Williamson County, and the project is located at RM 2243 and Hero Way, Leander, TX, 78641.

The funding is designated for phased improvements to Hero Way/RM 2243 between 183A and Southwest Bypass. The Project will modernize and replace dilapidated infrastructure by constructing a new roadway built to modern safety and design standards.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits:

- Connect intermodal facilities in the City of Leander and City of Georgetown.
- Provide drainage improvements which meet current FEMA floodplain and alleviate flooding conditions.
- Protect sensitive habitats through water quality measures to reduce runoff.
- Connect users of all abilities by providing space to construct a future shared-use path within the project limits.
- Improvements will ultimately also provide safe access to nearby high-quality technology and light industrial jobs including those generated by the new Apple campus and Tesla Gigafactory.

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

Sincerely,

Member of Congress