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House Committee on Transportation
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The Honorable Sam Graves
Ranking Member
House Committee on Transportation
& Infrastructure
2164 Rayburn HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for the SH-72 (Indiana St) Widening at UPRR project in the upcoming surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is the City of Arvada and the project is located at 8299 Indiana Street, Arvada, CO 80007.

The funding is designated for planning funds to widen State Highway 72 (Indiana Street) from a 2-lane rural highway to a multimodal median separated 4-lane highway complete with bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure. The chokepoint of the project is a Union Pacific Railroad overpass constructed in the 1960s. The project proposes to replace and update the railroad bridge while also eliminating the highway bottleneck.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and would improve safety, provide multimodal travel options through the use of separated bikeways and sidewalk trails including neighborhood connectivity to multiple schools, and reduce congestion.

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

Sincerely,

Ed Perlmutter
Member of Congress