Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for the Clay Road Bridge Reconstruction Project in the surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is the City of Houston (Houston Public Works) and the project is located at the Clay Road Bridge crossing of Langham Creek (Houston, TX 77084).

The funding is designated for the Clay Road Bridge Reconstruction Project.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have many benefits to public transit and safety. According to local government officials, flooding experts, and community stakeholders, Clay Road Bridge constricts the conveyance of stormwater from Langham Creek into the Addicks Reservoir during extreme events and contributes to flooding, so reconstruction of the Clay Road Bridge will provide environmental mitigation and significantly reduce flooding upstream.

The bridge span does not adequately convey storm water from the approximately two-mile floodplain upstream of Clay Road into Addicks Reservoir. This project will increase the bridge opening for stormwater conveyance underneath the bridge to reduce upstream flooding and flood impacts at the crossing. By helping to mitigate a major cause of flooding, this project will not only help those in the community but will save taxpayer dollars by avoiding spending in other areas.

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

Sincerely,

Dan Crenshaw
Member of Congress