

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

May 23, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Weld County Road 7 Paving Project - Mead to Berthoud in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Town of Mead, located at 441 3rd Street, Mead, CO 80542.

This funding would be used for the reconstruction and paving of approximately two miles of Weld County Road 7 (WCR7), which is currently a gravel road. This project segment runs between WCR38 (Mead) and Ball Aerospace Drive (Berthoud), split roughly equally between the Town of Mead and the Town of Berthoud jurisdictions. Proposed improvements include a 32-foot-wide asphalt paved roadway with appropriate 3:1 side slopes and stormwater/drainage ditches on each side. This investment provides crucial long-term safety, mobility, and system preservation advantages that align with state and regional transportation goals. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will improve safety for multimodal users by eliminating the hazards of the inadequate gravel road, significantly reduce recurring maintenance costs and burdens, and support regional economic growth. This section of WCR7 is often used as a bypass to I-25 during times of heavy congestion, and the upcoming 5-year reconstruction of I-25 segment 5 heightens the immediate need for this project to relieve traffic congestion and enhance safety of motorists, construction personnel, and emergency responders.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized under 23 USC 133 (Surface Transportation Block Grant Program).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Gabe Evans
Member of Congress