

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

April 23, 2021

Honorable Peter DeFazio
Chairman
Committee on Transportation and
Infrastructure
U.S. House of Representatives
2165 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Honorable Sam Graves
Ranking Member
Committee on Transportation and
Infrastructure
U.S. House of Representatives
2165 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves,

I am requesting funding for Military Cutoff Road (US17)/Eastwood Road (US74) Interchange (Drysdale Drive Extension) (U-5710A).

The project sponsor for this project is the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization and the project is located at Military Cutoff Road (US 17) and Eastwood Road (US 74), Wilmington, North Carolina 28405.

The funding is designated for improvements to the Military Cutoff Road (US17)/Eastwood Road (US74) Interchange. This first phase of the project will be the construction of the Drysdale Drive extension (U-5710A) which will be a road on new location to connect Military Cutoff Road and Eastwood Road. The ultimate goal of the project is for the intersection at Eastwood Road and Military Cutoff Road (U-5710) to be continuous flow with a grade separation.

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

- This project will improve the intersection of US 74 and US 17, two primary routes in southeastern North Carolina. US 17 is a major freight route serving the eastern United States.
- It will alleviate traffic congestion at Eastwood Road (U.S. 74) and Military Cutoff Road (U.S. 76/U.S. 17) and improve traffic carrying capacity and operation. The construction of the interchange will improve the level of service at this intersection from a LOS E in 2015 to a LOS D or better in the 2035 design year.
- The project will include bicycle and pedestrian accommodations to ensure safe crossings at this intersection.

- Public transportation service is provided in the vicinity of this project so the construction of these improvements will contribute to the on-time delivery of public transportation services in our region.

The Wilmington Urban Area continues to experience tremendous population growth, and the improvement of this intersection is critical to the movement of people and goods in our region.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ted Rouzer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ted" and last name "Rouzer" clearly legible.

Member of Congress

Date: April, 23, 2021