



1414 LONGWORTH HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING  
WASHINGTON, DC 20515  
OFFICE (202) 225-5816  
FAX (202) 225-3251

VICE-CHAIR  
NUCLEAR CLEANUP CAUCUS

## Congress of the United States House of Representatives

April 22, 2021

Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for Yakima County, East-West Corridor Phase II Project, in surface transportation reauthorization legislation. The project sponsor for this project is Yakima County, Washington and the project is located at I-82/Yakima Interchange and the SR 24/Nob Hill Blvd Interchange.

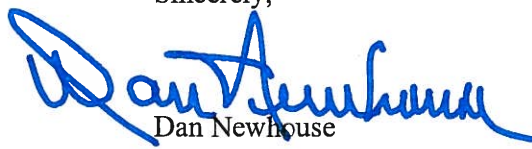
The funding is designated for the City of Yakima and Washington State Department of Transportation. Yakima County has begun a multi-jurisdictional project, known as the East-West Corridor to establish a new alternate connection between Terrace Heights, the City of Yakima & I-82. Due to the size, the County's portion of the project has been broken down into 3 phases. Phase 1, 3, and portions of 2 (design, ROW) have been funded through a variety of local and state funding opportunities, however phase 2 construction remains unfunded.

Phase 1 went to construction in 2019 and begins at the intersection of Terrace Heights Dr. & Butterfield Rd. Butterfield Rd. is being reconstructed to a 3-lane roadway section with 14ft shared use lanes and separated pedestrian facilities, better suiting the surrounding land use & ensuring multiple modes of transportation are accommodated. At the north end of Butterfield Rd, a 4-way roundabout will be constructed connecting the new corridor to the existing roadway system. West of the roundabout is the beginning of phase 2. A new 4-lane section will be constructed with 14ft shared use lanes, a separated multi-use pathway. Phase 3 will be the two 2 bridge structures spanning the Yakima River and I-82 and a series of new ramps and distributed roadways connecting the new corridor to I-82. This will increase capacity, allowing for the free flow of traffic during peak hours & reducing travel times and severity of traffic accidents. West of the bridges, the project will continue to the project terminates in the City of Yakima tying into the city's existing H St. When completed, the project will alleviate congestion at the adjacent Yakima Ave/I-82 interchange, provide a direct connection for freight and cargo to industrial areas on both sides of the river, provide an alternative route for commuter traffic, & ensure safe multi-modal transportation options.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits as this project will help complete a large transportation conflict within Yakima County and it has multiple partners, including those from the local, county, state and private sectors. This request will finish the project.

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

Sincerely,

  
Dan Newhouse  
Member of Congress