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April 27, 2022

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the City of Tonasket in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Tonasket, located at 209 S Whitcomb Ave Tonasket, WA 98855. US 97 (Whitcomb Avenue) from 4th Street to 1st Street.

The funding would be used for the City of Tonasket to replace aging infrastructure in its downtown US97 transportation corridor through town including highway pavement, sidewalks, water, sewer, and storm drain system. In addition, the City's aging sidewalks, ADA non-compliance, and limited parking negatively affect the local business community as it limits pedestrian and vehicle access, vehicle travel, and business opportunities.

The City has identified infrastructure deficiencies as follows: Stormwater flooding of existing businesses, buildings, and other structures due to inadequate stormwater facilities associated with US97. Existing stormwater facilities are inadequate and have become increasingly hydraulically overwhelmed as Tonasket has grown over the last 50 years. Inadequate and inconsistent sidewalks and curb/gutter system in the downtown corridor including ADA non-compliance throughout the corridor and absence of sufficient curb reveal heights due to years of pavement overlays of US97. Comprehensive public and private utility issues and upgrade needs (e.g. overhead power and poles, communications, conduits, lighting, water, sewer, etc.). Overhead utilities and poles in sidewalk areas interfere with pedestrian access and prevent the placement of ADA ramps.

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 "Dan Newhouse".

Dan Newhouse
Member of Congress