



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-4006

April 20, 2021

Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for Sumter Manning Avenue Bridge Multimodal Enhancements in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The sponsor for this project is the City of Sumter, SC and the project is located at:

Manning Avenue Bridge over CSX Railroad
201 Manning Avenue
City of Sumter, SC 29150
Congressional District SC-06

The funding is designated for a complete redesign of the Manning Avenue Bridge that connects downtown with neighborhoods on the south side of the railyard that bisects the City. The bridge is the only safe and direct method of crossing over the railroad yard. It is also the only bridge over the railroad for a distance of 1.3 miles through the heart of Sumter. Sumter and SCDOT will use the requested funds to ensure that pedestrian and bicyclist mobility and safety needs are met, preserving a safe connection between the Southside and Downtown.

This bridge replacement is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars because it will meet three community needs. First, it will improve multimodal connectivity for a historically underserved area of the community. Second, it will replace a structurally deficient bridge, and third, it will improve freight access on CSX's rail line by ensuring that the bridge design accounts for railroad needs.

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

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

James E. Clyburn
Member of Congress (SC-06)