

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Peter DeFazio
Chairman, U.S. House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
2251 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Sam Graves
Ranking Member, U.S. House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
2164 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for US-127 (State Route 28) in the surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

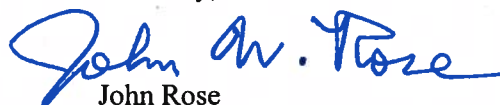
The project sponsor for US-127 (State Route 28) is the Tennessee Department of Transportation. The project is located in zip codes 38553, Fentress County, TN, and 38555, Cumberland County, TN.

This funding is designated for roadway improvements along a 3.27-mile section of US-127 (State Route 28) as part of a comprehensive program to stimulate economic development among distressed counties on the northern Cumberland Plateau in Tennessee.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to provide several benefits for the region. Funding will help construct a super two-lane roadway from N. Lowe Road in Cumberland County that transitions to a 5-lane roadway ending north of Little Road in Fentress County. The two-lane portion is being built on right-of-way that will allow for a five-lane roadway in the future and; this funding will allow for truck climbing lanes, a median barrier, and bridge replacement, as well as install 5-foot wide sidewalks and increase shoulder widths. US-127 (State Route 28) provides the region's key linkage to Interstate 40 and is a major catalyst for attracting new industry and business as well as providing residents with critical access to a major hospital and other essential services not available in this rural portion of Tennessee. Therefore, this project will provide for significant economic development in the Fentress and Cumberland County areas that would have been otherwise incredibly difficult to attain without the expansion of this highway.

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

Sincerely,



John Rose
Member of Congress
April 27, 2021