April 22, 2021

The Honorable Ron Estes
U.S. House of Representatives
2411 Rayburn HOB
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Sedgwick County - Member Designated Project Requests
Ninnescah River Bridge on 151st St. West

Dear Representative Estes,

We are excited to have the opportunity to present this infrastructure project for consideration for funding as a member designated project. We need to make significant investments in the road and bridge systems in our community and programs currently under consideration in Congress would be a great help.

The Ninnescah River Bridge on 151st St. West is located just south of Clearwater. This 600 foot long bridge is in poor condition. The nearest river crossing to the west is 7 miles away. The nearest paved river crossing to the east is 5 miles away. The bridge supports agriculture in the area (including northwest Sumner County) and the Plains Cotton Cooperative Growers Association warehouse site under construction in Clearwater. The project construction estimate is $4,500,000. Sedgwick County requests funding up to $3,600,000.

Sedgwick County fully supports this project. It is in the current TIP and construction plans and right of way acquisition for this project are complete. It is shovel ready. It is listed for construction in our 5-Year Capital Improvement Program and Sedgwick County will be able to provide the required local match and obligate the project within the time period set forth in federal aid highway requirements.

If you need additional information or clarifications, please contact Jim Weber, Director of Public Works. His email is jim.weber@sedgwick.gov and his phone number is (316) 660-1773.

Sincerely,

Peter F. Meitzner
Commissioner – First District
House Surface Transportation Authorization
Member Designated Projects Submission Form

Aim to Complete by April 1

1) Name of the project
   ANSWER: Bridge Replacement on 151st St West over the Ninnescah River (B485)

2) Location of project
   ANSWER: The project is located immediately south of Clearwater, KS on 151st St West
   one mile north of 119th St South over the Ninnescah River in unincorporated Sedgwick
   County, KS.

3) Project sponsor
   ANSWER: Sedgwick County, KS

4) Sponsor Point of Contact
   ANSWER: James Weber, P.E., Director of Public Works/County Engineer

5) Project description, including a description of the benefits of the project. In addition, please include a link to additional project information, if available. (Max 1000 characters)
   ANSWER: This project will replace an existing 7-span steel girder bridge with a length
   of 621 ft. The proposed replacement 6-span structure is slightly longer and wider. It will
carry two-lanes of traffic with a 36 ft. wide roadway to increase safety with a sufficient
shoulder area.

   The existing bridge is structurally deficient with a sufficiency rating of 44.0 and an
overall bridge condition rating of poor. It is now recommended for 12 month inspections
because of the continued deterioration of the pin and hanger system on the existing
bridge. It has no shoulder area with its 26 ft, roadway width

   A new bridge structure is necessary to maintain this important route. It is only one of two
bridges on paved routes over the Ninnescah River in the 32 mile stretch between K-49
and I-35. The route connects the city of Clearwater with rural residents in both Sedgwick
and Sumner County. This route also serves over 50 large trucks per day on average
hauling goods and materials for commerce and agriculture in this region.

6) Amount requested
   a. Note that the requested amount may not exceed the federal share allowable under
      highway and transit programs, which is typically 80 percent of the project cost.
      ANSWER: $3,600,000

7) Total project cost
   ANSWER: $4,500,000
8) **Sources of funding for the non-Member designated share of the cost of the project**  
   a. Note that if the requested amount plus the non-federal match does not fully make up the total project cost, the Committee is requiring that projects have funds identified for the project outside of the requested amount. Additional amounts may come from federal funding, such as FHWA formula funding, provided that the total amount of federal funding does not exceed the allowable federal cost share.

   ANSWER: Sedgwick County Local Sales Tax and General Obligation bonds: $900,000

9) **Project Phase – pick all that apply**  
   a. Planning and Environmental Review  
   b. Final Design  
   c. Right of Way  
   d. Capital purchase or lease (including bus purchases)  
   e. Construction  
   f. Other (max 30 characters)  

   ANSWER: Construction

10) **NEPA category of action**  
   a. Categorical exclusion  
   b. Environmental assessment  
   c. Environmental impact statement  
   d. Undetermined  

   ANSWER: Categorical exclusion

11) **Status of environmental review**  
   a. Pre-review  
   b. Categorically excluded  
   c. Notice of intent published  
   d. FONSI issued  
   e. Draft EIS published  
   f. Final EIS published  
   g. ROD issued  
   h. Other (max 30 characters)  

   ANSWER: Categorically excluded

12) **A description of the process that will be followed to provide an opportunity for public comment on the project (max 1,000 characters)**  

   ANSWER: This project has been included in the Sedgwick County Capital Improvement Program since 2014. The CIP is updated yearly and is presented for public engagement each summer. At this time, the project has had eight (8) separate opportunities for public comment and one additional opportunity will present itself this summer with the public engagement planned of the proposed 2022-2026 CIP.

13) **Has the project received federal funding in the past (yes/no)**  

   ANSWER: No
14) Has the project applied for U.S. DOT discretionary grants in the past (yes/no)
   a. If so, please list which discretionary grant program and attach the project application.
   ANSWER: No

15) Attach letter(s) of support from the state, local government, or non-federal sponsor

16) Is the project on the state, Tribal, or territorial transportation improvement program (yes/no)
   a. If so, please provide a link to the applicable document(s) and include the project ID number listed on the STIP.
   ANSWER: Yes. WAMPO Tip ID: 40-564
      WAMPO TIP Project Tracker

17) Is the project on the metropolitan transportation improvement program, if applicable (yes/no)
   a. If so, please provide a link to the applicable document(s) and include the project ID number listed on the TIP.
   b. If the project is in a non-metropolitan area, please note that the question is not applicable
   ANSWER: Yes. WAMPO Tip ID: 40-564
      Reimagined Move 2040 Regional Project List

18) If funding is provided for this project, can it be added to the STIP/TIP in a reasonable timeframe (yes/no)
   a. If the answer is yes, the Committee requests a letter from the agency indicating this is the case.
   ANSWER: Yes

19) Documentation from relevant federal agency that the project is eligible for funding under title 23 (Highways) or chapter 53 of title 49 (Public Transit) if the project is not on a STIP or TIP. KDOT [Sedgwick County Functional Classification Map:

20) If the project is not included on the STIP/TIP, is the project on a regional or statewide long-range transportation plan (yes/no)
    ANSWER: Listed on the STIP/TIP.
April 13, 2021

Mr. Lynn Packer, Deputy Director
Sedgwick County Public Works
1144 South Seneca St.
Wichita, Kansas 67213

RE: “B485: Bridge on 151st St West over Ninnescah River” TIP Amendment

Mr. Packer,

On behalf of the Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WAMPO), this letter is to support the project “B485: Bridge on 151st St West over Ninnescah River.” This project is identified in WAMPO’s long-range Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and in its short-range Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

This letter serves as notice that the referenced project can have federal funding added to it in the TIP in a reasonable timeframe, should such funding be provided. We open the TIP to amendments on a quarterly basis; the amendment schedule is posted at https://www.wampo.org/transportation-improvement-program. Soon after approval by the WAMPO Transportation Policy Body (TPB), the TIP Amendment is sent to the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) to be incorporated into the next Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Amendment, which is then sent to the U.S. Department of Transportation for final approval.

In addition to the scheduled quarterly amendments, WAMPO provides opportunities for unscheduled amendments when the need arises. Should this project be awarded federal funding, WAMPO would be glad to carry out an unscheduled amendment process to ensure that funding is added to the project in the TIP expeditiously.

Sincerely,

Chad Parasa, PE, PTOE
Director
Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for a bridge replacement on 151st Street West over the Ninnescah River in the surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor is Sedgwick County, Kansas and the project is located immediately south of Clearwater, Kansas on 151st Street West, one mile north of 119th Street South over the Ninnescah River in unincorporated Sedgwick County, Kansas (zip code 67026).

The funding is designated for replacing an existing 7-span steel girder bridge with a length of 621 ft. The proposed replacement 6-span structure is slightly longer and wider. It will carry two lanes of traffic with a 36 ft wide roadway to increase safety with a sufficient shoulder area.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits: The existing bridge is structurally deficient with a sufficiency rating of 44.0 and an overall bridge condition rating of poor. It is now recommended for 12-month inspections because of the continued deterioration of the pin and hanger system on the existing bridge. It has no shoulder area with its 26 ft. roadway width. A new bridge structure is necessary to maintain this important route. It is only one of two bridges on paved routes over the Ninnescah River in the 32 mile stretch between K-49 and I-35. The route connects the city of Clearwater with rural residents in both Sedgwick and Sumner County. This route also serves over 50 large trucks per day on average hauling goods and materials for commerce and agriculture in this region.

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

Sincerely,

Ron Estes
Member of Congress
Date: April 23, 2021