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The Honorable Peter DeFazio  
Chairman, House Transportation  
& Infrastructure Committee  
2165 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Sam Graves  
Ranking Member, House Transportation  
& Infrastructure Committee  
2164 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

Thank you for your work on the upcoming surface transportation reauthorization legislation. I am writing to request funding for the Blount County Greenway located in the right-of-way of US 321 in Blount County, TN, between the intersection of US 321 and Helton Rd, and Perry's Mill. The project is sponsored by the Blount County Highway Department.

The funding is designated for a three-mile greenway that will provide a unique opportunity for pedestrians and cyclists that currently does not exist in the unincorporated portions of the county. It will provide access to businesses and schools for walkers and bikers, as well. Importantly, the Blount County Greenway is an important step in completing a 14-mile greenway from Maryville to Townsend, TN.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits: According to the Great Smoky Mountains Regional Greenway Council, the estimated fiscal benefit to Blount County is \$65 million over 10 years, a \$2.66 return for each \$1 invested. The Council also estimated that the greenway would be used by 43,000 non-local visitors and 65,7000 local users annually, resulting in \$2.8 million in annual output for tourism, directly contributing to local counties in my district.

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

Sincerely,



Tim Burchett  
Member of Congress