Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I respectfully request funding ($2,500,000) for the Riverside Drive Pedestrian Mall Project in the forthcoming surface transportation reauthorization. The project sponsor is the New York City Parks & Recreation. The project is located at Riverside Drive (West 97th Street to West 104th Street), New York, NY 10025.

The federal funding designated for this project would: reconstruct and repair hexblock paving, install Belgian block tree pits, catch basins and drainage structures; install new benches, pipe rail fencing, curb cuts, lighting; and reconstruct lawn panels.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits: greatly improve pedestrian access and safety along Riverside Drive and to the adjacent Riverside Park. The paving is badly deteriorated creating unsafe conditions for pedestrians. Additionally, failed drainage infrastructure continues to exacerbate the overall deterioration of the park and pathways.

Pursuant to Clause 17 of House Rule XXIII and in accordance with the Committee’s guidance, I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project. Thank you for your leadership and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress