

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-2207

April 27, 2021

Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for the Airport Rd. rehabilitation project in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is Jackson County Department of Transportation (JCDOT) and the project is located at Airport Rd, Jackson, MI, 49202.

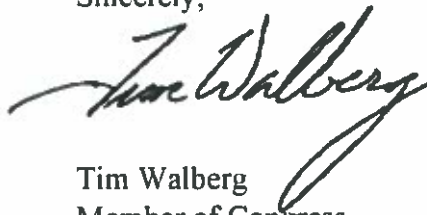
The funding is designated for a rehabilitation treatment, paired with cold-in-place recycling, creating a pavement structure that would withstand the high levels of traffic on the roadway.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits:

- The rehabilitation would be more resilient to freeze/thaw cycles, last longer, provide a better user experience through regular maintenance and smoother rides, and save taxpayer funds from decreased reconstruction cycles every 20-25 years.
- The rehabilitation treatment and cold-in-place recycling are much less costly to construct, with estimates as high as 30% less than traditional construction. JCDOT would also virtually eliminate pothole patching on these roads since they are on a regular preventive maintenance cycle.
- By recycling this road into a "Super Road," JCDOT would be assured that this road can withstand the heavy truck traffic that this route experiences through the spring thaw. This route is a very busy heavy truck corridor that connects I-94 to the Blackman Township industrial areas to the north, and this area is a large economic driver for the county.

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

Sincerely,



Tim Walberg
Member of Congress
4/27/2021