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May 13, 2009

The Honorable Tom Latham United States Representative 2217 Rayburn Building Washington, D.C. 20515-1505

Dear Congressman Latham:

I am requesting your support for special funding for a priority transportation project located in your district, the reconstruction of Iowa 92 between Interstate 35 (I-35) and Indianola in Warren County, Iowa.

The Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) believes this project is worthy of additional funding which would help ensure its timely completion and provide a more immediate benefit to the traveling public. This project is included in the 2009-2012 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and the draft 2010-2014 Iowa (DOT) Transportation Improvement Program, which will receive Iowa Transportation Commission approval June 9.

This project has been developed in accordance with all federal requirements pertaining to providing the public the opportunity to comment on the project. The next opportunity for public input will be in late 2010.

This segment of Iowa 92 serves as an important link between I-35 and the city of Indianola and northern Warren County.

Eighty percent of the overall project costs will be covered by federal highway program (NHS and STP) funds and high priority project funds, should they be made available, with the 20 percent balance of the cost coming from state highways funds.

Should you have any questions or need additional information about this project, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Nancy J. Richardson

Director

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