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Ranking Member Sam Graves  
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Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for the Colorado River Pathway Phase IV in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

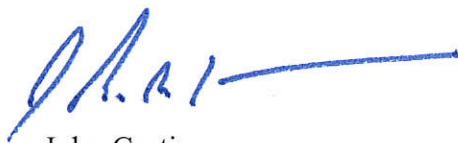
The project sponsor for this project is the City of Sandy and the project is located on an elevated non-motorized bicycle and pedestrian pathway running adjacent to Utah State Route 128 in Grand County, Utah.

The funding is designated for the completion of a non-motorized pathway. The North Moab Recreation Area Alternative Transportation System links the Moab community and those who visit Arches and Canyonlands National Parks, Dead Horse Point State Park, and thousands of BLM acres that include the Colorado Riverway Recreation Area Anasazi pictograph panels, and over 150 miles of single-track mountain bike trails. This funding would close a gap along this trail.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to benefit the infrastructure that Utahns depend on. The main benefit being public safety. The project completes a 0.6-mile gap along the Colorado River Path that forces hundreds of cyclists and pedestrians daily out onto the narrow and shoulder-less SR 128 to cross the distance to the next part of the pathway. The project alleviates a significant distraction for tourists, commuters, and outfitters with large trailer loads by removing non-motorized users from the roadway. Cyclists and pedestrians can enjoy the sights and sounds of the river corridor safely segregated from vehicular traffic.

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

Sincerely,



John Curtis  
April 21, 2021