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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 Frontrunner Forward Project in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is Utah Transit Authority (UTA) and the project is located along the path of the FrontRunner commuter rail running between Provo and Ogden.

The funding is designated for project development/engineering for FrontRunner train improvements, including double tracking and supporting infrastructure, such as rolling stock, stations and systems. The project will be supported by UTA, a local district political subdivision of the state of Utah.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to benefit the infrastructure that Utahns depend on. FrontRunner is a vital part of the Wasatch Front's transportation network, reducing congestion on Interstate 15. UTA's service area is forecast to double in population by 2065. Improvements to FrontRunner will be needed to support this growth. Additionally, the proposed project runs through nine Federal Opportunity Zones and provides benefits to many others in the region including providing additional options to connect jobs and employees, support real estate and economic development, reduce traffic congestion, improve air quality, and increase ridership of the FrontRunner train and the overall transit system by making strategic capital improvements that allow for improved trip times, increased frequency, and larger train capacity.

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

Sincerely,



John Curtis
April 21, 2021