



**Marion County
Board of County Commissioners**

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The Honorable Daniel Webster
2184 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Webster:

On behalf of Marion County, I am writing to request your assistance in obtaining funding for two projects in the House Surface Transportation Reauthorization Bill.

The County is seeking \$3,000,000 for the Planning and Environmental Review for a proposed new I-75 flyover in Southwest Marion County. The project will provide sustainability to the local roadway and interstate system by relieving congestion at an existing underpass (I-75 and CR 484) and by providing direct and access to a new local corridor (SW 49th Avenue) which is designed to relieve traffic on I-75. The project serves a diverse range of the population and is of regional significance. The corridor will relieve congestion on I-75 and US 441/301 by connecting several large residential and developing commerce districts to a major local facility.

In addition, Marion County is currently partnered with FDOT to construct a new I-75 interchange at NW 49 Street, and is requesting \$10,000,000 for Right-of-Way funding. This interchange will promote sustainability to the interstate system by relieving congestion on adjacent interchanges and by providing an alternate access to I-75 for the projected increase in truck volumes resulting from the ongoing development of an existing commerce district. The developing commerce district is situated geographically to equitably serve the County's rural and urban communities.

We appreciate your consideration of these two projects. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this project further, please myself or contact Deputy County Engineer Donald Atwell, PE at 352-671-8686.

Sincerely,

Tracy Straub, PE
County Engineer

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