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Congress of the United States
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Washington, DC 20515-4324

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Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for DART Silver Line Track Improvement Project in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is Dallas Area Rapid Transit and the project is located on 1.75 miles of track near downtown Carrollton.

This project will continue to expand DART's silver line, a 26-mile regional rail line that connects Addison, Dallas, Carrollton, Plano, and Richardson to DFW Airport, the agency has identified 1.75 miles of freight rail track near downtown Carrollton. The project will repair, straighten, or replace the current track and replace ties and ballast along the alignment on the freight line between DART's Trinity Mills Station and downtown Carrollton. This upgrade to Class II allows freight trains to operate at a maximum speed of 25 miles per hour and commuter rail to operate at 30 miles per hour, from the maximum speed of Class I, which is 10 miles per hour. The track upgrade will allow the Silver Line to access Denton County Transportation Authority's (DCTA) existing operations and maintenance facility, which is being proposed as a way of sharing costs between transit agencies for these two commuter rail lines (A Train and Silver Line). This will also be the first phase of several upgrades that will allow DCTA to extend its current operational limits from Trinity Mills Station into downtown Carrollton.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars to help my constituents have better access and improve the safety as the track will be upgraded from Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) Class I to Class II standards.

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

Sincerely,



Beth Van Duyne
Member of Congress