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**House of Representatives**  
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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural  
Development, Food and Drug  
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Committee on Appropriations  
2358-A Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Mike Quigley  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural  
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Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member Quigley:


I am requesting funding for Minnesota Trunk Highway 65 at 117th Avenue – Grades Separated Intersection Project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is City of Blaine, located at 10801 Town Square Drive, Blaine, MN 55449.

The funding would be used to construct a grade separated intersection to improve the flow of traffic, expand access for multiple modes of transportation, and improve safety for vehicles traveling along and across the highway corridor, as well as safe bike and pedestrian passage. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it improves traffic flow along and across TH65, decreasing average travel times and reducing delays, crash frequencies, and creating a safe pedestrian/bicyclist environment.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 USC 133(b).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Tom Emmer  
Member of Congress