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Musgrave Requests Funding for Heartland Expressway

Congresswoman urges U.S. House to authorize $585 million to support Colorado transportation project

Washington, DC: Congresswoman Marilyn Musgrave (CO-04) and Congressman Tom Osborne (NE-03) today urged Chairman Don Young, of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to authorize funding for a transportation project on a segment of the Heartland Expressway in Eastern Colorado and Western Nebraska. In a letter dated March 14, 2003, Musgrave and Osborne requested $585 million to reconstruct portions of the roadway connecting Denver, Colorado, to Rapid City, South Dakota.

"Colorado has experienced unprecedented growth in the last decade, resulting in increased demands for transportation and infrastructure improvements," said Musgrave. "Reconstructing this portion of highway will provide greater safety for travelers, more efficient transportation of freight, enhanced access to agricultural goods, and increased economic development for communities in the region."

The proposed construction project would reconstruct concrete highway on Interstate 76 from Lochbuie to Brush, Colorado; Highway 71 from Brush to the Nebraska border; and Highway 71 from Brush to Limon, Colorado. In addition, the project will widen the highway shoulders and passing/climbing lanes.

In the letter, Musgrave states, "This project is exceedingly important to the people of Colorado, Nebraska and indeed the entire High Plains region. We appreciate every consideration you might give this proposal."

Marilyn Musgrave was elected to the United State House of Representative in January 2003, and she represents Colorado's Fourth Congressional District. Musgrave is a member of the House Committees on Agriculture, Education and the Workforce, and Small Business. To learn more about Rep. Musgrave please visit her official website at http://www.house.gov/mus-