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Dear Senator Lugar:

Please find attached applications for FY10 appropriations funding for two projects that are so important to the Logansport community, including the Chase Road Project and the 18th Street Project.

The Chase Road improvement in Logansport and Cass County will provide tremendous safety and development benefits for Cass County. The project will reconstruct an existing 2 lane road with little/no shoulder to a 3 lane curbed street with enclosed drainage. The land surrounding this corridor is one of the faster growing areas of Logansport, and is home to many existing and potential businesses. To mitigate the existing safety issues in the corridor, the new road will have 2 12' travel lanes and a 14' center lane for left turns.

Once complete, the road will improve traffic flow, improve safety, and enhance pedestrian access along the corridor and to the nearby River Bluff Trail.

The 18th Street improvement is another critical project for our community. It will connect the Hoosier Heartland to the significant development occurring in the east end of Logansport. As part of the improvement, the corridor will cross the Norfolk Southern rail lines, which has 60 trains a day, with a grade separation. As NS has indicated their intent to upgrade their lines to a triple track, this grade separation is necessary to the mobility and safety of the traveling public, particularly as a new Ivy Tech is locating nearby, only adding to the traffic congestion. The project will also provide other safety and mobility improvements to the corridor, including a new bridge deck and an intersection improvement.

I appreciate your consideration of these requests for the FY10 Transportation Appropriations process. With these improvements to the city and county road infrastructure, the City of Logansport will be able to provide for the growth in our community.

Please do not hesitate to let me know if you have any questions about these projects. I look forward to discussing them in more detail with you in the near future.

Sincerely,

Michael E. Fincher, Mayor
City of Logansport