



City of Huntington

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March 5, 2008

The Honorable Richard G. Lugar
United State Senator
306 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Attn: Amy Oberhelman

Dear Senator Lugar:

The Hoosier Heartland Highway is making great progress towards completion. The leadership of the Indiana Congressional delegation has provided important funding for many years to the Hoosier Heartland Highway, and we appreciate your help.

I write today requesting an FY 2009 appropriation of \$350,000 for environmental and feasibility study funds for what is called the "A7 Corridor" in Huntington County. This missing segment would directly connect US 24 in Huntington County to I-69 at the I-469 intersection. This is currently a 2 lane road and not constructed to modern standards for safety and efficiency.

Having recognized the importance of the federal role, I would now like to recognize Governor Daniels who has committed \$140 million to construct the portion of National Priority Corridor 4 on the National Highway System from the Ohio State line along a new US 24 to connect with I-69 at I-469. Governor Daniels has also committed \$500 million in Major Moves funds to construct the Logansport to Lafayette segments of the Hoosier Heartland Highway, SR 25.

In many ways, this final "A7 Corridor" will complete the Hoosier Heartland Highway and bring significant economic development opportunities to Huntington County and the City of Huntington.

I would be pleased to answer any additional questions and thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely yours,

Steve Updike, Mayor

Jerry P. Helvie, County Commissioner

FY 2009 APPROPRIATIONS Information Form
U.S. SENATOR RICHARD LUGAR

Directions:

Please complete this form and submit via EMAIL ONLY to amy_oberhelman@lugar.senate.gov no later than Friday, March 7. This is Senator Lugar's internal form and an additional form will need to be completed for each request for the various appropriations subcommittee. That form will be forthcoming at a later date to be determined. You must complete both forms in order to be considered. Complete one form for each request. If this is a Military Construction or Department of Defense request please use a specific "Defense Appropriations Information Form" available by contacting Military Legislative Assistant, keri_maloney@lugar.senate.gov

PROJECT INFORMATION:

PROJECT NAME:

(Name of Road, Building, Project. Use the same name as you call it. If the City of Muncie calls it the Unity Community Center, don't write Muncie Community Center but write Unity Community City)

"A7" Environmental and Feasibility Study of the Hoosier Heartland Highway

NAME OF ORGANIZATION REQUESTING FUNDING:

(City, University, Non-Profit Entity, Etc.)

Huntington County, Indiana

STREET ADDRESS OF ORGANIZATION REQUESTING FUNDING:

Huntington County Commissioners

County Courthouse

Room 103

CITY: Huntington

STATE: IN **ZIP:** 46750

COUNTY: Huntington

NAME FOR LEAD PERSON IN REQUESTING ORGANIZATION:

(Mayor, Executive Director, President) Jerry P. Helvie, County Commissioner

PHONE FOR LEAD PERSON (Office and Mobile): O 260-358-4822

CONTACT E-MAIL FOR LEAD PERSON: jerry.helvie@huntington.in.us

LIST ANY FEDERAL LOBBYIST REGISTERED IN CONNECTION WITH THIS PROJECT (If applicable. Please include name of lobbyist, firm, street address, email and work and mobile phone numbers)

Jennifer Shepard
William-Lynn-James, Inc.
179 S. Home Street
Franklin, IN 46131
(317) 972-4242 voice
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

(no more than 2 paragraph description of the project and use complete sentences)

Conduct an environmental and feasibility study of connecting directly connecting US 24 to I-69 at the intersection with I-469 along what is known as the “A7 Corridor” in Huntington County, Indiana

SPECIFIC USE FOR REQUESTED FUNDS:

(Use complete sentences to describe how the money will be spent and what the money will be spent on)

The Huntington County Commissioners will conduct an RFQ RFP process under Indiana law to retain a firm or firms to conduct an environmental and feasibility analysis of directly connecting US 24, the Hoosier Heartland Highway, **National Priority Corridor 4 and on the National Highway System**, to I-69 at the intersection with I-469. Funds will be spent on professional services to comply with INDOT and FHWA requirements for environmental, design and engineering, public participation and related activities.

PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

(This language could be printed in the bill, next to your project. Write no more than 4 sentences answering what the funding will be used for):

The purpose of the project is to conduct an environmental and feasibility analysis of providing a safe, economical, and environmentally sensitive direct connection between US 24, the Hoosier Heartland Highway, **National Priority Corridor 4 and on the National Highway System**, to I-69 at the intersection with I-469 along what is known as the “A7 Corridor.”.

STATUS OF PROJECT DESCRIBED IN THIS APPLICATION:

The project is in the formative stages. However, the State of Indiana has announced that construction of US 24 from the Ohio State Line to I-469 at I-69 is fully funded under the Major Moves program at \$140 million. The State of Indiana has also announced that construction will

begin in 2008 and be completed 2013 on the Logansport to Lafayette segments of the Hoosier Heartland Highway under the Major Moves program at \$500 million.

FUNDING INFORMATION:

FUNDING AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM SENATOR LUGAR:

\$350,000

AMOUNTS REQUESTED FROM OTHER INDIANA DELEGATION OFFICES:

Senator Bayh:
Congresswoman Visclosky:
Congressman Donnelly:
Congressman Souder:
Congresswoman Buyer:
Congressman Burton:
Congressman Pence:
Congressman Ellsworth:
Congressman Hill:
Congressman to be Named for 7th District:

ESTIMATED TOTAL COST OF PROGRAM:

\$350,000

NON-FEDERAL MATCHING FUNDS AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

(City - \$100, State - \$200) None

Is Your Project included in the PRESIDENT'S FY09 BUDGET REQUEST?:

No

WHICH APPROPRIATIONS BILL ARE YOU SEEKING FUNDING?

(Bold One Choice. If you are seeking funding for the same project from two different accounts/bills, you must submit two different forms)

Agriculture

Financial Services

Transportation – HUD

Commerce-Justice-Science

Interior

Energy & Water

Labor Health & Human Services

WHAT FEDERAL FUNDING ENTITY AND ACCOUNT NAME?

(Please provide Department, Agency, Program, Account)

FHWA

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

(Please provide information such as relevant authorizing legislation, projects, etc):

Hoosier Heartland Highway NPC NHS 4

FEDERAL FUNDING HISTORY

(Please indicate type of funding and/or authorization amount by fiscal year):

- o Previous Appropriations
- o Federal Grants
- o Authorized Funding Levels

Please see below for details.

IF YOU RECEIVED FEDERAL FUNDING IN PRIOR YEARS, HAS THAT MONEY BEEN SPENT AND HOW MUCH HAS BEEN SPENT?

Hoosier Heartland Highway NPC NHS 4
Project # IN48004 Q920 %25

Year P.O.	Phase	State Match	Federal	Expended	Available
Jul-99	Const. (5)	\$361,640.50	\$1,446,562.50	\$0.00	\$1,446,562.50
Sep-99	Const. (5)		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,446,562.50
Sep-00	Const. (5)		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,446,562.50
Sep-01	Const. (5)		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,446,562.50
Sep-02	Const. (5)		\$0.00	\$1,446,562.50	\$0.00
Sep-03	Const. (5)		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Oct-03	C/E (8)	\$1,104,005.98	\$4,416,022.02	\$0.00	\$4,416,022.02
Dec-03	C/E (8)		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,416,022.02
Oct-04	C/E (8)		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,416,022.02
Current	C/E (8)		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,416,022.02
Total # 48004		\$1,465,646.48	\$5,862,584.52	\$1,446,562.50	\$4,416,022.02

**Hoosier Heartland
Project # 1460006 Q920 %75**

Year P.O.	Phase	State Match	Federal	Expended	Available
Sep-99	Const. (5)	\$1,218,750.00	\$4,875,000.00	\$2,478,380.53	\$2,396,619.47
Sep-00	Const. (5)		\$0.00	\$759,380.40	\$1,637,239.07
Sep-00	Const. (5)		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,637,239.07
Sep-01	Const. (5)		\$0.00	\$1,610,485.43	\$26,753.64
Sep-02	Const. (5)		\$0.00	\$12,619.57	\$14,134.07
Sep-03	Const. (5)		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,134.07
Nov-03	Const. (5)	\$3,179,188.37	\$12,712,753.55	\$0.00	
		\$12,726,887.62			
Mar-04	Const. (5)		\$0.00	\$2,277.04	
		\$12,724,610.58			
Apr-04	Const. (5)		\$0.00	\$41.36	
		\$12,724,569.22			
Oct-04	Const. (5)	-\$690,484.98	-\$2,761,940.00	\$0.00	\$9,962,629.22
Total # 1460006		\$3,707,453.39	\$14,825,813.55	\$4,863,184.33	\$9,962,629.22

**Hoosier Heartland
Project # 0715011 Q920**

Year P.O.	Phase	State Match	Federal	Expended	Available
Sep-04	P/E (2)		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Current P/E (2)	\$690,485.00	\$2,761,940.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total # 0715011		\$690,485.00	\$2,761,940.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
		State Match	Federal	Expended	Available
P.O.	Total Funding	\$5,863,584.87	\$23,450,338.07	\$6,309,746.83	
		\$14,378,651.24			

Source FHWA & INDOT

Hoosier Heartland Federal Funding

As of February, 2006

	Amount:	Spending	
		Authority:	
		Spent:	
TEA21: Construct Hoosier Heartland from 651,702 Lafayette to Ft. Wayne along 618,988 SR 25 and US 24 345,490 283,224 6,333,355	\$ 25,627,487	\$ 23,488,091	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$
FY04 Approps: Grade Separation Interchange At Burlington Ave & new Hoosier Heartland Hwy in Logansport	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	
FY05 Approps: Hoosier Heartland Corridor, Indiana	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 992,000	
FY05 Approps: Hoosier Heartland Highway, Miami and Huntington Counties, Indiana	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 992,000	
SAFETEA-LU: Construct Hoosier Heartland Highway in Cass and Carroll County, Indiana	\$ 2,400,000	\$ 417,600	
SAFETEA-LU: Reconstruct Hoosier Heartland Wabash, Huntington, & Miami County Indiana Segments	\$ 800,000	\$ 139,200	
SAFETEA-LU: Construct Hoosier Heartland Highway in Cass and Carroll County	\$ 600,000	\$ 104,400	
SAFETEA-LU: Reconstruct Hoosier Heartland Highway, Wabash, Huntington, & Miami Co. Indiana Segments	\$ 200,000	\$ 34,800	
FY06 Approps: Hoosier Heartland Highway, Cass/Carroll County, IN	\$ 1,300,000	\$ 1,131,000	
FY06 Approps: Hoosier Heartland Highway, IN	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,305,000	
Total Demonstration Projects: 8,232,759	\$ 35,427,487	\$ 29,604,091	\$

Hoosier Heartland NCPD

Earmark Amount	Amount:	Spending	
		Authority: Spent:	
2000: Construction of highway and bridges 2,000,000 For Hoosier Industrial Corridor between SR 13 & SR 9	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$
2002: Hoosier Heartland 449,540	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 971,000	\$
Total NCPD Projects: 2,449,540	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 2,971,000	\$
Total Projects from 1998-2006 10,682,299	\$ 38,247,487	\$ 32,575,091	\$

INDOT - MAJOR MOVES FUNDING

Hoosier Heartland Highway

Logansport to Lafayette Segment 2008-2013	\$500,000,000
Ohio State Line to I-469 at Fort Wayne	\$140,000,000

Source FHWA & INDOT