



COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

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May 10, 2024

The Honorable Daniel Webster
United States Representative
2184 House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Montverde Complete Streets Community Project Funding

Dear Congressman Webster:

On behalf of Lake County, I would like to express support for the Montverde CR455 Complete Streets community project request of \$1.5 million. This project is of crucial importance to Lake County as CR 455 is a major collector road that passes through the rural Town of Montverde.

Montverde has significant vehicular, bicycle and pedestrian traffic, and safety has been a major concern, especially with the presence of the Montverde Academy, a diverse college preparatory school of 1,200 students founded in 1912. This area of Lake County is extremely popular with cyclists, with CR 455 a heavily utilized bicycling route for recreation, cycling events and other events involving the academy, along with the permanent residents of Montverde. With Montverde Academy split by the road, there is also a significant volume of pedestrian traffic crossing this road daily. This project has been part of the County's long-range plan and is proposed to provide bike lanes, multi-use trail, sidewalk, improved street crossing, and traffic calming, as well as critical drainage improvements. This segment of road is also listed as a State of Florida Scenic Byway.

Please note, if the appropriations funding of \$1.5 million towards the total project cost of \$2 million is awarded, any required local match will covered by the County.

We welcome our continued growth in Lake County, and this funding will assist in ensuring enhanced safety for residents and visitors to Lake County keeping our County a safe place to live and work. As such, Lake County extends appreciation for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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May 11, 2024

The Honorable Daniel Webster
U.S. House of Representatives
2184 Rayburn HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Appropriations Request for the Town of Montverde CR 455 Complete Street Project

Dear Congressman Webster:

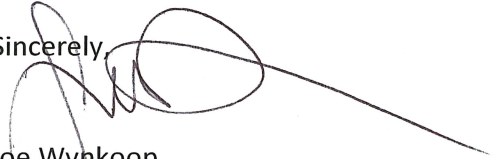
Lake County submitted an appropriations request on March 19, 2024, for USDOT Highway Infrastructure Program funding for the Town of Montverde on CR 455. Please accept this letter of support on behalf of the Town of Montverde.

This project is a good use of taxpayer dollars. CR 455 is a major collector road that passes through the municipality of the Town of Montverde and intersects the Montverde Academy campus. This school has a population of over 1,200 students, and there is a significant daily volume of pedestrian and biking traffic on CR 455. The entire project area has also been designated as the "Green Mountain Scenic Byway," as designated by the State of Florida.

The project will provide bike lanes, multi-use trails, sidewalks, improved street crossings, traffic calming, and drainage improvements.

I appreciate your continued support for this needed project.

Sincerely,


Joe Wynkoop
Mayor, Town of Montverde