

Project Name:

Repair Ricketts Road to improve safety and economic activity

Recipient:

Ravalli County, MT

Address:

215 South 4th Street, Hamilton, MT 59840

Amount Requested:

\$1,000,000

Project Explanation:

This project will make improvements to 2.55 miles of Ricketts Road which has not been resurfaced in 25-years. Repairs and improvements will address significant roadway decay and install drainage and irrigation culverts under the road to prevent further damage and flooding. Ravalli County features a central valley surrounded by steep mountainous Wilderness Areas, limiting the available roadways for a rapidly growing rural county. Ricketts Rd. provides one of the few critical alternative travel routes from US Highway 93 for local residents, commerce, and emergency services. Currently, the road is in significant decay along with drainage and irrigation culverts under the road. Residents in the community and local businesses have expressed their concerns regarding increases in traffic and safety.

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-2601

March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
House Appropriations Committee
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Ravalli County Ricketts Road Improvement Project

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Ravalli County Ricketts Road Improvement Project in Fiscal Year 2024.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Ravalli County, located at 215S. 4th Street, Ste A, Hamilton, MT 59840.

The funding would be used to make improvements to 2.55 miles of Ricketts Road which has not been resurfaced in 25-years. Repairs and improvements will address significant roadway decay and install drainage and irrigation culverts under the road to prevent further damage and flooding. Ravalli County features a central valley surrounded by steep mountainous Wilderness Areas, limiting the available roadways for a rapidly growing rural county. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Ricketts Rd. provides one of the few critical alternative travel routes from US Highway 93 for local residents, commerce, and emergency services. Currently, the road is in significant decay along with drainage and irrigation culverts under the road. Residents in the community and local businesses have expressed their concerns regarding increases in traffic and safety.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4).

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

Sincerely,

Ryan K. Zinke

Ryan Zinke
Member of Congress