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Chairman, Holmberg
Members of the Senate Appropriations Committee
Good morning.

I am Cal Klewin Executive Director of the **Theodore Roosevelt Expressway Association (TREA)**.

The **Theodore Roosevelt Expressway** (Highway 85) is a Federally-Designated High Priority Corridor on the National Highway System. It runs from Rapid City, SD, to Canada through western North Dakota to the Port of Raymond in Montana. On the southern end, it connects to the Heartland Expressway, which connects Rapid City, SD, to Denver, CO. The Heartland Expressway then links to the Ports-to-Plains Trade Corridor, which connects Denver, CO, to Laredo, TX. These three corridors are collectively known as the Ports-to-Plains Alliance.

Our Association is in support of the allocation of the American Rescue Plan ACT (ARPA) to Fund Highway Infrastructure Projects. The Funding would allow North Dakota Department of Transportation to move forward with critical road need projects including the 4 laning from Watford City to the Newly Constructed Long X Bridge.

The next Phase of the 4 laning Project from the Long Bridge X to Highway 200, is in preliminary planning, consideration for additional funding to move forward on the project from the ARPA fund.

That concludes my testimony,

Thank You,

Cal Klewin Executive Director

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