

February 12, 2026

Honorable Secretary Sean Duffy
United States Department of Transportation (USDOT)
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Duffy:

I write to you in support of Missoula County's application for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant for the Glacier Creek Bridge Project.

The Glacier Creek Bridge was used by locals in Condon, MT throughout the year before its closure in 2023. It played a critical role in transporting people, goods and services for those who live in the Swan Valley, with a population around 300. Currently, this bridge does not meet modern design and safety standards and cannot accommodate increasing volumes of traffic and the weight of modern vehicles. Having bridges in good repair in these remote and rural locations is crucial for connecting residents to vital services; adequate wildfire and emergency services response; environmental sustainability at the bridges' locations; and economic vitality in surrounding communities.

If successful, the funding will be used for the replacement of the Glacier Creek Bridge, which has been closed since 2023 due to severe structural deficiencies.

I trust you will give this application fair and thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve Daines". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Steve" and last name "Daines" clearly distinguishable.

Steve Daines
United States Senator