

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0913

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The Honorable Steve Womack
Chairman, Subcommittee on
Transportation, Housing and Urban
Development, and Related Agencies
2358-A Rayburn HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable James E. Clyburn
Ranking Member, Subcommittee on
Transportation, Housing and Urban
Development, and Related Agencies
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Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Womack and Ranking Member Clyburn:

I am requesting funding for the Beckett Bridge Replacement in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners, located at 315 Court Street, Clearwater, FL 33756. The funding would be used for replacement of the existing functionally obsolete Beckett Bridge over Whitcomb Bayou in Tarpon Springs, Florida, with a new low-level bascule bridge featuring two 10-foot travel lanes, shoulders, and 6.5-foot sidewalks on both sides to improve pedestrian and vehicle access. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the existing bridge is functionally obsolete, posted for restricted loads, has a long history of foundation settlement and movement requiring frequent costly repairs, does not meet current safety standards for vehicles or pedestrians, and lacks ADA-compliant sidewalks. The proposed replacement will meet all current safety standards, restore full access for emergency vehicles, school buses, and garbage trucks, and serve as a critical evacuation route for the surrounding Tarpon Springs neighborhood. The federal request of \$5,000,000 will be matched by \$35,000,000 in state and local funds already committed to the project.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized under federal transportation infrastructure statutes, including eligibility under the BUILD and BRIDGE grant programs.

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

Sincerely,



Anna Paulina Luna
Member of Congress

