

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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Dear Chairman Womack and Ranking Member Clyburn:

I am requesting funding for the East Lake Road Planning, Engineering and Design 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 to conduct a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study to evaluate proposed improvements along the 9.3-mile section of East Lake Road from south of Curlew Road to north of Trinity Boulevard, including widening the road from 4 lanes to 6 lanes and enhancing major intersections to address capacity, traffic operations, and safety conditions. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the existing corridor has inadequate capacity, a failing Level of Service during peak periods, and a high number of crashes including fatal and serious injury crashes. The federal request of \$8,000,000 represents 80% of total eligible project costs and will be matched by \$1,997,600 in local Penny for Pinellas funds, with planning and design ready to begin upon receipt of funds.

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