

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-1005

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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Silver Comet Intown Connector in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Upper Westside Community Improvement District, located at 976 Brady Avenue, Suite 100, Atlanta, GA 30318. The funding would be used for the construction of Phase 2 of the Silver Comet Intown Connector, a 0.6 mile stretch from Southland Circle to Collier Road.. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the Silver Comet Intown Connector will connect the Silver Comet Trail to the Atlanta BeltLine, two regional trails with nearly 4 million in combined annual users. This project creates economic and recreational opportunities for residents and businesses to connect from Downtown Atlanta to Alabama (via Whetstone Creek/Silver Comet). It will create a safe, off-road commute option for walking and biking, connect residents to growing employment opportunities, and it will fill the recreational gap in Atlanta neighborhoods with no greenspace by opening 24 acres of land for public use.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1) and 5305(a)(2).

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

Sincerely,



Nikema Williams
Member of Congress