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Chairwoman Kay Granger
Committee on Appropriations
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

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

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Courthouse Area Route 1 Improvements project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Stafford County, located at 1300 Courthouse Road, Stafford, Virginia, 22554. The funding would be used to address the need for improved mobility for U.S. Route 1, by widening approximately 0.65 miles of U.S. Route 1 to provide dedicated left turn lanes onto Courthouse Road and Bells Hill Road (Rt. 631)/Hope Road (Rt. 687), install a concrete median, and add 8-foot sidewalks to an area without adequate pedestrian infrastructure. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because U.S. Route 1 is a corridor of national, statewide, regional, and local significance and has been rated a Level of Service F from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT). This particular area of U.S. Route 1 is prone to severe traffic congestion, especially during morning and evening commute times. The improvements will help to alleviate congestion, improve passenger and pedestrian safety, improve travel times, improve traffic signal function, and promote the Courthouse Area as a pedestrian-friendly, walkable environment. Because it functions as the primary alternate route to Interstate 95 and provides essential travel access for Stafford County residents, Virginia residents, and out of state travelers, U.S. Route 1 improvements will support the reliability of region-wide travel.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 USC 133(b).

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

Sincerely,



Abigail Spanberger
Member of Congress