

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

May 10, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Franklin/Licking State Route 161 Widening Project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Ohio Department of Transportation, located at 1980 West Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43223.

The funding would be used to add a third lane along State Route 161 between State Route 62 and State Route 37, including operational improvements at service interchanges along the corridor. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will reduce congestion and facilitate enhanced access to the under-construction semiconductor facility that will be a major economic engine for Central Ohio.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 U.S.C. 133(b).

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

Sincerely,



Joyce Beatty
Member of Congress