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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations,
Subcommittee on Transportation, and Housing
and Urban Development, and Related Agencies
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations,
Subcommittee on Transportation, and Housing
and Urban Development, and Related Agencies
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for City of Austin – Ryan Drive TOD Trails & Community Access in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Austin, located at 301 West Second Street, Second Floor, Austin, TX 78701.

The funding would be used to construct trails, sidewalks, an overpass over the Capital Metro Red Line tracks, and a park as part of the 6909 Ryan Drive transit-oriented development (TOD) project that includes 320 mixed-income rental housing units, 1.25 acres of public park land, and a bicycle/pedestrian crossing designed to improve connectivity to Capital Metro's Crestview Station. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the project will develop publicly owned land to provide affordable rental housing options in a high opportunity location that is immediately adjacent to transit, jobs, and services; the project will improve safe bicycle and pedestrian access to Crestview Station for both the 6909 Ryan Park TOD Project and the entire Crestview Neighborhood via a new access point along the southwestern side of the railway, with signage and lighting to ensure visibility and clear wayfinding; and the project will substantially increase the amount of park land available to the Crestview neighborhoods.

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

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

Sincerely,

Lloyd Doggett