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Congress of the United States
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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
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,
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and Urban Development, and Related Agencies
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the City of Austin's Bergstrom Spur Urban Trail West Segment in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Austin, Texas, located at 301 W 2nd St, Austin, TX 78701.

The funding would be used to construct the western segment of the Bergstrom Spur Urban Trail. The 1.12-miles long western segment will provide direct and dedicated bicycle and pedestrian connections to Saint Elmo Elementary School and Park, Saint David's South Austin Medical Center, and the South Congress Transit Center (a future Orange Line light rail station), among other destinations.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will transform a dilapidated brownfield into a safe, functional, and equitable crosstown transportation corridor for utilitarian and recreational purposes, leveraging its unique context to create a transportation infrastructure asset that will:

- Catalyze economic development and upward mobility by providing direct and dedicated bicycle and pedestrian access to jobs, education, service, and transit,
- Enhance public health by contributing to active lifestyles,
- Improve east-west connectivity and mobility for non-vehicular travel where little exists, and
- Promote environmental and social sustainability through low impact landscaping.

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