



Congress of the United States House of Representatives

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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,
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and Urban Development, and Related Agencies
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the West Bouldin Creek Trail Extension in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Austin, located at 301 West Second Street, Second Floor, Austin, TX 78701.

This funding will be used for a critical link to Austin's existing bicycle network, providing a connection from south Austin neighborhoods along the South Lamar Boulevard corridor with a direct connection to the existing Ann and Roy Butler Trail and seamless access to Downtown Austin for work, shopping, or entertainment. Facilitating more bicycle or walking trips into the city center allows for fewer cars to enter this busy area. In addition, the Butler Trail encircles Lady Bird Lake in central Austin and connects with several other major trails, serving as a hub for the City of Austin trail system, providing a connection to other destinations throughout Austin. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the connection to the Butler Trail will also encourage residents in the area to bike to Butler Trail for recreation purposes, contributing to the overall health of residents, improving air quality, and reducing the need for parking and impervious surfaces in the parks along Lady Bird Lake. Separating bicycle traffic from motor vehicle traffic will increase safety for all road users by reducing points of potential conflict and interaction between them.

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