

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Bear Creek Multiuse Path Rehabilitation and Safety Improvements Project – Phase II in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Merced, located at 678 W. 18th Street, Merced, CA, 95340.

The funding would be used to resurface 7.5 miles of the Bear Creek multiuse path and install lighting to improve safety and accessibility. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the Bear Creek corridor is a heavily used community asset that was impacted by the 2023 flood events and ongoing infrastructure work. Improving the path will provide safer transportation and recreational opportunities for the community and build on prior investments in flood mitigation along the corridor..

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for the 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,



Adam Gray
Member of Congress