

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$1,000,000 in funding for the Constitution and Peterson Road Traffic Safety Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project El Paso County located at 200 S. Cascade Avenue, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80903.

The funding would be used to construct critical safety improvements at the intersection of Constitution Avenue and Peterson Road. Specifically, The County plans to construct crosswalks to facilitate safer pedestrian crossings, modify signal timing and realignment of the intersection to improve traffic flow, and add lighting to increase visibility of pedestrians and drivers.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds, as the proposed infrastructure improvements are expected to lower the incidence of pedestrian fatalities and vehicular crashes, ensuring that the intersection meets both national and local safety standards. From 2019 to 2024, there have been 69 crashes at the Constitution and Peterson intersection, involving 138 vehicles, resulting in 53 injuries and two pedestrian deaths. Furthermore, as El Paso County has grown by over 100,000 residents in the past decade, continued improvements to outdated infrastructure are essential. These upgrades will not only enhance the safe movement of people and traffic but also bolster local and interstate commerce. The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 USC 133(b).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Crank", with a stylized, flowing script.

Jeff Crank  
Member of Congress