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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 \$5,000,000 in funding for the Powers Boulevard Extension Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Colorado Springs, located at 30 South Nevada Avenue, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80903.

The funding would be used to support construction of the Powers Boulevard Extension, which will complete a critical 3.5-mile gap in State Highway 21 between Colorado State Highway 83 and Voyager Parkway near Interstate 25. This project will establish a continuous north south regional corridor along the eastern side of Colorado Springs, improving connectivity to key destinations including the United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs Airport, and surrounding residential and commercial areas.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it addresses a long-identified gap in a major regional transportation corridor and will significantly improve mobility, reduce congestion, and enhance safety. Powers Boulevard has been planned as a critical component of the region's transportation network for more than 60 years and remains a top priority in the City's 2023 ConnectCOS Transportation Plan. Completion of this segment will reduce travel times, improve traffic flow, and provide a reliable alternative route to Interstate 25, benefiting both local commuters and regional freight movement. 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,



Jeff Crank
Member of Congress