

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-1403

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The Honorable Tom Cole
H-307, U.S. Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the City of Bluffton State Road 124 Corridor Safety Improvements in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Bluffton, located at 128 E Market Street, Bluffton, IN 46714. The funding would be used to construct a safe, 10-foot-wide ADA-compliant shared-use path connecting the Bluffton Woods mobile home park, nearby residential neighborhoods, and businesses along the SR-124 corridor to Bluffton's existing trail network.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because currently, pedestrians and cyclists traveling between their homes and the Interurban Trail must walk along the narrow shoulder of State Road 124, a corridor that carries frequent passenger vehicles and heavy truck traffic. Bluffton's Comprehensive Safety Action Plan identifies this corridor as an area with regular pedestrian and cyclist activity but limited infrastructure, creating a high-risk environment for potential vehicle-pedestrian conflicts. This project would improve pedestrian and cyclist safety.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 U.S.C. 133.

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

Sincerely,



Marlin Stutzman
Member of Congress