

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

March 27, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the project named the “King Street and Commonwealth Avenue Streetscape Improvement Project” in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Alexandria, located at 421 King Street, Alexandria, Va 22314.

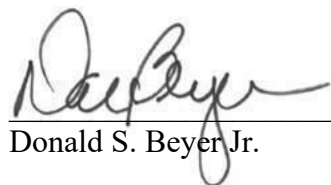
The funding will be used to provide streetscape improvements at King Street and Commonwealth Ave. The Virginia Passenger Rail Authority’s replacement of open rail bridges which span King Street and Commonwealth Avenue will increase the horizontal clearances on either roadway, enabling the city to improve the streetscape and provide protected bicycle lanes, improved bus stops, wider lanes for buses and emergency vehicles, as well as wider sidewalks and greater accessibility around the King Street Metro Station.

This project is a good use of taxpayer funds because safely bringing together a combination of multi-modal transportation including trains, vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists in a dense and busy public space is a key priority for the City of Alexandria. The area encompassing the King Street Metro Station is a key multi-modal hub within the City of Alexandria. The compact and dense space is a gateway to the City and provides multi-modal transportation for residents, commuters and visitors. The project will help establish separate spaces for the multitude of users by: providing dedicated bicycle lanes which connect into the City’s existing bicycle network, allowing safe connection to this critical transportation hub; widening existing sidewalks, ensuring that pedestrians have dedicated and improved spaces which meet modern accessibility standards and provide safe connections; and widening existing traffic lanes on King Street to better serve frequent bus service and emergency vehicles. These improvements will implement citywide plans and policies for a safer, and more equitable, accessible and environmentally friendly city, such as those in the Alexandria Mobility Plan, Vision Zero Action Plan and the Age-Friendly Plan for a Livable Community by prioritizing safety for all modes of transportation and creating a safer and more navigable streetscape that supports users of all ages and abilities.

This project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Donald S. Beyer Jr.