

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chair
House Appropriations Committee
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Mount Vernon Trail North Improvements in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Arlington County, located at 2100 Clarendon Blvd, Suite 900, Arlington VA 22201. The funding would be used to increase capacity by widening the paved surface to current usage standards on approximately 5 miles of the Mount Vernon Trail between Rosslyn in Arlington County and Tide Lock Park in the City of Alexandria (excluding the trail segments on Columbia Island [DC]). The project also would rebuild and widen 3 trail bridges, realign 4 trail intersections, and realign the S-curve at Daingerfield Island.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the Mount Vernon Trail is one of the highest-use commuter and recreational trails in the National Capital Region, and the trail requires these improvements to meet modern design standards and improve both safety and capacity. The project's federal nexus is that the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 USC 133 (b) (7) in accordance with 23 USC 217 et seq., 23 USC 201, and 23 USC 203 (a) (1) (A) (iii). The project is located within the George Washington Memorial Parkway unit of the National Park Service (Department of the Interior). The project will be delivered by the Eastern Federal Lands Highway Division of the Federal Highway Administration (Department of Transportation).

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

Sincerely,

Don S. Beyer

