

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
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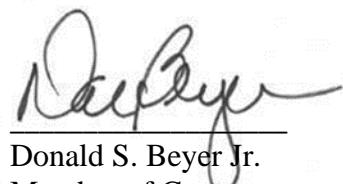
Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for “S. George Mason Drive Multimodal Improvements” in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Arlington County, located at 2100 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 302, Arlington, VA 22201. The funding will be used to implement a multi-use trail along the east side of South George Mason Drive between Arlington Boulevard in the north and Columbia Pike in the south. The project will also install a traffic signal at 6th Street South, South George Mason Drive, and the southern entrance to the National Foreign Affairs Training Center (NFATC). Other improvements include signal changes, sidewalk widening, and improved crossings to maximize safety.

This project is needed to address multiple safety and accessibility issues along the corridor, including speeding, lack of bicycle facilities, narrow sidewalks, and difficult crossings. The feasibility study preceding this project concluded that the project will improve access to the NFATC and safety for all users of the roadway, particularly pedestrians and bicyclists. County staff has coordinated with representatives from the Department of State, General Services Administration, NFATC, the Army National Guard Readiness Center, and the Virginia Department of Transportation, who are supportive of the improvements as a means of improving safe multimodal access to the federal campuses and regional trail users. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would provide immediate solutions to improve the safety and accessibility for those traveling through this corridor. The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 USC 133(b)(7).

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

Sincerely,



Donald S. Beyer Jr.
Member of Congress