

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 Arlington Boulevard Trail South Side Improvements in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Arlington County, located at 2100 Clarendon Blvd, Arlington, VA 22201. The funding would be used for advance design for a multi-use trail on the south side of Arlington Boulevard between South George Mason Drive and South Glebe Road.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the existing, narrow sidewalk is directly adjacent to the on/off ramp for Arlington Boulevard, with high-speed movements occurring within feet of pedestrians and bicyclists with no buffer. Additionally, the sidewalk is frequently obstructed by debris from the limited access roadway. Staff has conducted a feasibility analysis for trail improvements on this segment of the Arlington Boulevard Trail, which recommends installing a wider multi-use trail with physical separation from the roadway (see concept attached). 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's federal nexus is that the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 USC 133(b) (Surface Transportation Block Grant Program).

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

Sincerely,

Don S. Beyer

