

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-1806

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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the 415 Connector Project, which will provide a direct connection from LA-1 to the LA-415/Interstate-10 interchange. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, located at 1201 Capitol Access Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802. The funding would be used for the design and right-of-way acquisition necessary to construct the project. The project is an appropriate use taxpayer funds because it will reduce severe traffic congestion around the Louisiana capital region, including on the primary interstate supporting the Gulf Coast.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 U.S.C. §133. The surface transportation block grant program provides flexible funding for construction of highways, bridges, and tunnels. This project would build a connection between two highways and thus is an authorized use under the statute.

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

Sincerely,



Garret Graves
Member of Congress