

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-4206

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
2362-B RHOB
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa De Lauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
2362-B RHOB
Washington, DC 20515

In re: FY26 Community Project Funding- New Middleton Highway Lane

Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Smith County TN for a New Middleton Highway Lane addition in the fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Smith County Mayor's Office located at 122 Turner High Circle, Carthage, TN 37030. This funding would be used to add additional lanes to facilitate safe traffic flow during school hours at New Middleton Elementary School. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it improves safety, increases capacity, and supports economic growth and job creation, while also reducing maintenance costs and enhancing quality of life. Additionally, widened roads can facilitate faster response times for emergency services and create a safer atmosphere for the cars that get caught in school traffic.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by subsection 1 of 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,



John Rose
Member of Congress