

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

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C., 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C., 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Westland Mall Redevelopment-Essential Multimodal Infrastructure Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Franklin Township, located at 2193 Frank Road Columbus, OH 43223. The funding would be used for the redevelopment of a large parcel that has been blighted for over twenty years. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would produce 18 employee-hours for every \$1,000 spent on construction based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics estimate. It will enhance connectivity, increase safety for all modes of travel, and support future economic development by integrating with existing and planned land use and transportation networks.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

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

Sincerely,



Mike Carey
Member of Congress