

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

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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-307, the Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the City of Cocoa State Road 524 Widening Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Cocoa, located at 65 Stone Street, Cocoa, FL, 32922.

The funding for the project will be used to accelerate the widening of SR524 from two to four lanes, reducing congestion, supporting regional growth, and enhancing safety on a key transportation link that connects directly to I-95 and provides access to Port Canaveral. The proposed improvements will include upgraded intersections, modernized traffic signals, and additional turning lanes where necessary. By addressing these critical infrastructure needs, the project will provide safer and more efficient travel options for the growing residential, commercial, and industrial developments along this corridor.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it aligns with smart growth principles by preparing infrastructure for increasing residential and commercial development, ensuring long-term sustainability. Additionally, leveraging federal funds alongside local impact fees maximizes investment efficiency, reducing future costs associated with worsening congestion and maintenance. By addressing critical transportation needs now, this project will deliver lasting benefits, making it a strategic and fiscally responsible use of taxpayer dollars.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 USC 133.

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

Respectfully,



Mike Haridopolos  
Member of Congress