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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 HOB Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Minton Road Widening Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Palm Bay located at 120 Malabar Road, Palm Bay, Florida 32907.

The funding will be used to complete a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) study for intersection improvements and widening of Minton Road from Malabar Road south to Jupiter Boulevard SE. The Minton Road Widening Project includes the addition of sidewalks, stormwater drainage improvements, intersection improvements, and traffic signal system enhancements.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will enhance regional mobility, improve safety, and reduce congestion in Palm Bay and Brevard County. Overall, this project, upon completion, will greatly enhance transportation efficiency and mobility for residents, businesses, and visitors. The project also strengthens hurricane evacuation capacity, ensuring public safety and regional preparedness. Additionally, the project supports federal space and military technology headquarters in Brevard County, leveraging the adjacent Space Force Malabar Annex.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized under, 23 U.S.C. 133, (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,

Mike Haridopolos Member of Congress

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