

Congress of the United States
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0904

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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chair
House Appropriations Committee

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I write to request funding for the State Road 16 to North-South Corridor Initiative in Fiscal Year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is St. Johns County located at 500 San Sebastian View, St. Augustine, FL, 32084. This project is included in the Fiscal Year 2024-28 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Fiscal Year 2024-28 Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) scheduled to be adopted in April of 2023. Upon its adoption, the project will also be included in the Fiscal Year 2024-28 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

The funding would be used to begin Phase 1 of the roadway widening of a five-mile section of State Road 16 from a two-lane undivided facility to a four-lane divided roadway, from west of I-95 to International Golf Parkway. The project will increase capacity and support I-95, a component of the Florida Strategic Intermodal System. When completed, this project will include a multi-use trail with direct connection to a regional park and improvements to signals, turn lanes, crosswalks, and smart technologies.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this widening project is essential to easing major congestion in this region of St. Johns County. This area of my district continues to draw record residential expansion and grow their strong tourism-based economy, attracting visitors from around the world to see the many significant historic sites, including those with federal designations like the Castillo de San Marcos National Monument. The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 USC 133(b), the 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 H. Rutherford
Member of Congress