

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

March 31, 2022

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 Jacksonville Transportation Authority University Boulevard Complete Streets Project in Fiscal Year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA), located at 100 LaVilla Center Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32204. This project was included on the list of projects approved by the Jacksonville City Council in May 2021 that would be eligible for funding through the local option gas tax.

This project would improve safety and access to a major intersection that connects riders to transit options. The funding will be used to reconfigure this busy intersection by adding bike lanes, mid-block crossings, a high-emphasis crosswalk, and medians. This includes resurfacing lanes, expanding sidewalk widths, lengthening turn-lanes, and enhancing lighting.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this project will improve safety and access at an important, high-volume intersection that connects multi-modal users to transit options. 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