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U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

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

Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the City of Jacksonville's Emerald Trail Kings Avenue Connector project. The entity to receive funding for this project is located at 117 W. Duval St., Suite 400, Jacksonville, FL 32202.

The funding would be used to construct in the San Marco neighborhood a ¼ mile segment of the 30-mile Emerald Trail Multi-use Trail System, which connects Jacksonville's historic neighborhoods to parks, schools, shopping, and civil venues.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will improve pedestrian and bicycle safety in a rapidly redeveloping section of the historic San Marco neighborhood, provide a safe alternate travel mode for commuters in high vehicle areas, and serve as an important connector to schools, employment, and communities throughout Jacksonville.

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


John H. Rutherford
Member of Congress