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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 Jacksonville Transportation Authority's (JTA) Merrill Road Complete Streets Design project. The entity to receive funding for this project is located at 100 LaVilla Center Dr. Jacksonville, FL, 32204.

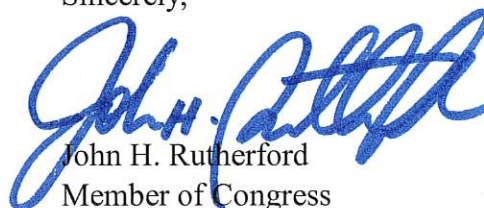
The project would fund the project design to improve a multimodal corridor that will enhance safety, accessibility, and mobility along approximately 1.6 miles of Merrill Road from just east of University Boulevard North (SR-109) to Townsend Boulevard in Jacksonville, Florida. Planned improvements include new and enhanced pedestrian crossings, closure of sidewalk gaps, addition of bicycle facilities, traffic calming measures, and corridor aesthetic enhancements informed by a comprehensive traffic and safety analysis, crash history evaluation, and access management review.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would facilitate the safe movement of users of all ages, abilities, and transportation modes by addressing documented safety concerns through a complete streets approach that prioritizes pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, and motorists.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 USC 133 (Surface Transportation Block Grant).

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